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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

JUST HOW THE BATTLE WAS FOUGHT AND WON

"WHAT SHALL THE HARVEST BE?"

Distribution of Patronage to the "Faithful" Will be One of the Leading Problems That President Taft Must Settle.

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 23.—"What shall the harvest be?"

Not least among the thousand and one difficult problems that will confront President Taft early in his administration will be the task of trying to distribute the patronage so as to give the greatest satisfaction to the greatest number, and at the same time secure the best results to the government itself. The colored brother, like his neighbor of lighter complexion, will have his "mitt" extended for "pie," and there will be a mighty howl if he fails to land the fat and juicy slice he thinks his indispensable services to the party entitle him to claim. Emulating Dickens' well-known poorhouse boy, "Oliver Twist," the colored brother of aspiration and nerve will not hesitate to ask vociferously and often for "more."

That the Negro leaders and their followers in the trenches rendered yeoman service throughout the campaign goes without saying. For reasons patent to all, without discussing the justice of the contention, Judge Taft had an uphill fight, as far as the Negro vote was concerned. There was from the beginning disaffection of an apparently widespread character. The seeds of dissension had been thickly and most adroitly sown by experienced "dissenters." Preachers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, and even Federal officeholders, were lined up side by side with the business man, mechanic and the day laborer, threatening awful things if Taft should be nominated—and worse if he asked their support at the polls. To be sure, Judge Taft had a host of strong and influential friends among the colored people, but, unfortunately, at that time, they were not organized. They were not of the demonstrative type, to whom the methods of the noisy agitator found favor; they had no grievances, real or imaginary, to nurse; therefore, to the uninitiated, it looked as if the anti-Taft operators were to have everything their own way.

Not so, however, as subsequent developments showde. The friends of Judge Taft kept their own counsel and worked quietly to bring out the truth as to his attitude on the race question and to acquit him of responsibility for the Brownsville episode. The wisdom of the plan of battle inaugurated and carried out by the Tylers, Dancys, Vernons, Terrells, Cobbs, Andersons, Pinchbacks, Cohens, Bankses, Napiers, Marshalls, Boozes, Braschers, Gilmers, Crums, Ruckers and others, is handsomely vindicated by the results. These clever managers allowed their opponents to fire off all of their ammunition early in the engagement. They permitted the excited warriors to shout themselves hoarse and to wear themselves out chasing rainbows and knocking down "men of straw." They listened in silence to the abuse and vituperation heaped indiscriminately upon those who felt it to be their duty and privilege to stand by stalwart Republicanism, as represented by Roosevelt, Taft and Hitchcock, in preference to bourbon Democracy and sublimated populism, as represented by Tillman, Vardaman, Haskell and Bryan. Then, when the signal was given to "Charge!" the Taftite army, drilled in masterly fashion for the fray, rose up in their might, and, smiting them hip and thigh, literally wiped them off the map. So complete was the victory that since November 3 no one has been able to locate so much as a remnant of the "flower" of the Waldron-Trotter-Corrothers gladiators, to give it a decent burial.

But "back to our muttons." What shall the harvest be? The earnest, indefatigable, intelligently directed and enthusiastic labors of the "Black Cabinet" are too well known to require further exploitation at our hands. As we have said before in these columns, the men who fought for Judge Taft before the Chicago convention and who were found in the thickest of the fray "from early morn to dewy eve," by invitation and on their own hook, are as firmly intrenched as the Rock of Gibraltar. They served their party loyally, they supported Mr. Taft grandly and brought triumph to their race nobly. Not one of the aeledrs can be accused of selfishness, for, without exception, all who have been able to control an ounce of patronage have seen to it that the Negro got his share of "the goods," and, if our vision served us correctly, the black man's measure was heaped up a little more than any one else's. There are applicants galore for the preferred places held by colored men, but in our opinion they are on the wrong scent. Wisdom would suggest to them the value of going in for places never before held by colored men, on the showing that the race has not yet reached its full quota, according to its merits, and that in an enlarging Federal and State service new jobs can be opened to the worthy persons who offer for them. By transfer and promotion there will be many vacancies where white men now hold forth; if the aspiring ones can just locate these cases in the departments, there will be plain sailing and a happy arrival at the goal for a goodly number of the brethren. President Taft will give the race a "square deal," but it is not likely that he will be agreeably impressed if the race organizes itself into a mob and makes a wild scramble for the places now held by colored men of tested competence, merely because somebody else wants to connect with the pay roll. This "tip" comes from a reliable source, and it can be taken by the masses for what it is worth.

While the campaign was fought out with rare skill, the new figures that arose to National stature were unusually few. The brunt of the battle, up to the closing six weeks, wa sborne by the newspaper men, most of whom had already achieved National prominence; and when the contest waxed furious, the speakers who were given the choice assignments and who "did the business" in the pivotal States were veterans of proven generalship, who had won their spurs on many a gory field in other years. The majority of the gladiators who garnered glory were employed locally in the States, filling in to a nicety the compact organization which Chairman Hitchcock had built up. In all probability the reward that is to come to these useful forces will depend very largely upon the recommendation of the Senators and Representatives of the several States, backed up by the testimony of the State chairmen. The big places will, of course, be handled by President Taft personally, and it is to be presumed that he will scan the character and fitness of the applicants with great care, albeit in sympathy with the aspirations of the deserving. It would not be appropriate at this time to enter into a discussion of the individual claims of those who have been of value to the party, but it is safe to say that, when the record is made up, such States as New York, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and New Jersey will not be overlooked, while material encouragement may be expected for our persevering brethren in Tennessee, Colorado, Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, Florida and North Carolina. Judge Taft has made it plain that he holds no malice toward any one who opposed him, and the colored Republicans who stood with the "allies" last spring, but fell in line with the party after the nomination, may get a few choice morsels. It will be interesting to watch the kaleidoscope as it turns. Some queer and unexpected pictures may be evolved.

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Considerable anxiety is being manifested in the disposition of the Haitien mission under the new administration. Dr. H. W. Furniss, of Indiana, won strictly on his excellent record, and has the full approval of Secretary of State Root. He conducted the negotiations of this government with much tact and discretion during the recent revolution. Yet the altitudinous salary of $10,000 per annum makes the mission a plum worth contending for, and there will not be lacking gentlemen of diplomatic bent to put in a bid for its honors and emoluments. No one knows just what attitude the new regime, under President Simon, will take toward the United States. If the cohorts of Simon and Firmin are as well satisfied with Minister Furniss as was Nord Alexis, the impression is that there will be no change. If, for any reason, he is pronounced persona non grata by the existing powers, the United States will be obliged to name another representative. In the event there should be a change, current gossip has it that Collector Charles W. Anderson, of New York, would like to have the assignment, and it is further alleged that Prof. Roscoe Conkling Bruce, of the Washington public schools, or J. C. Napier, of Tennessee (an original Taft man, by the way), would not refuse it.

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Dr. H. N. Newsome, president of the board of managers of the National Negro Fair at Mobile, Ala., is expected here shortly to press the demand for an appropriation of $250,000 in aid of his very commendable enterprise. He will be in conference with a number of Washington leaders, including Prof. John A. Lankford, his supervising architect and constructing engineer, and he will be prepared to present a stronger plea now than last year, as the work is approaching the degree of completion asked as a prerequisite for the committee's favorable consideration. The cornerstone of the main building was laid a few days ago, with imposing ceremonies. Many States were represented by special commissioners appointed by the Governors of the States. An open address to the country, urging the purchase of stock by the race, was issued, to which the signatures of the following commissioners were appended: James B. Dudley, North Carolina; W. A. Crosthwait, Tennessee; W. T. Green, Wisconsin; J. N. Vanderwall, New Jersey; John R. Marshall, Illinois; C. S. Johnson, Arkansas; McCants Stewart, Oregon; J. H. Williams, Iowa; T. W. Taylor, Michigan, and N. B. Young, Florida. The work on the buildings will be vigorously pushed, and the date of the opening will be announced shortly.

NOTES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Mrs. W. L. Houston, wife of the Grand Master of the G. U. O. of O. F., is recovering from a severe illness.

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Edmund H. Deas and Thomas L. Grant, prominent figures in South Carolina politics, were in town last week.

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Dr. E. D. Killiston has an automobile of handsome pattern—the finest owned by a colored physician in this city.

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R. W. Thompson has been named as chairman of the committee on publicity for the Y. M. C. A. and for the Inaugural Welcome Club.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Carter and Mrs. Isabel L. Lacey went to Philadelphia last week on business. Mrs. Carter remains to pay a visit to relatives.

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Dr. A. M. Curtis went to Richmond, Va., recently and performed a successful operation on W. P. Burrell, secretary of the United Order of True Reformers.

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Walter J. Singleton, of Nebraska, has been re-elected president of the Young Men's Protective League, one of the strongest fraternal and beneficial organizations in Washington.

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Mr. Emmett J. Scott returned to Tuskegee Institute last Friday, to take charge of the exercises incident to the Tuberculosis Congress in session this week at Dr. Washington's great school.

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William Wilkes is now messenger to Secretary of the Navy Newberry, following him from the post of Assistant Secretary. Henry Lassiter, formerly with Secretary Metcalf, takes work with Assistant Secretary Satterlee.

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Samuel T. Henry, of the War Department, has been appointed an aid on the staff of the department commander of the Army and Navy Union, with the rank of captain. He is the only colored man ever accorded such an honor in the District of Columbia.

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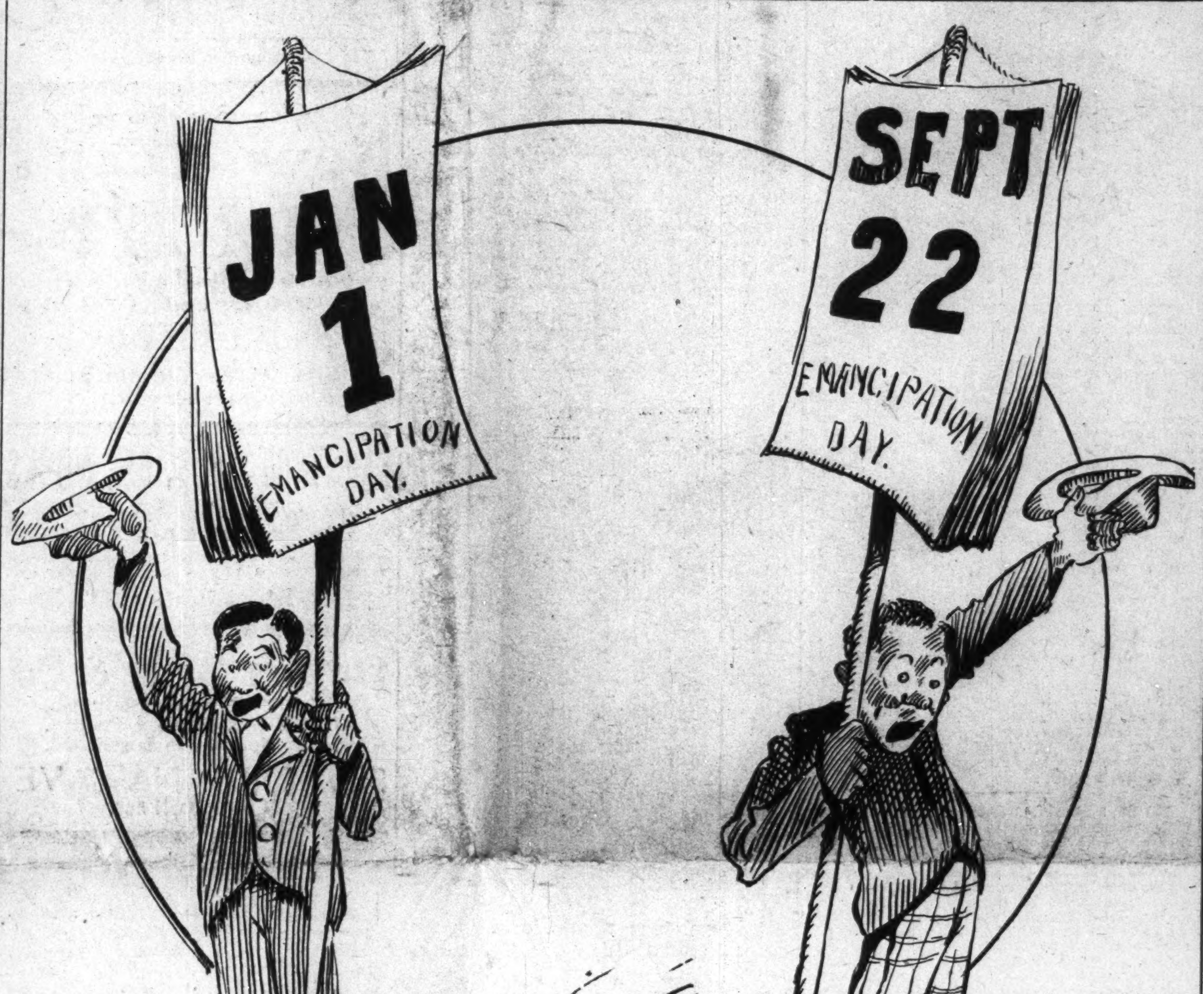
Andrew Carnegie and Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback look enough alike to be twin brothers, and they have frequently been taken for each other by people in various sections of the country. The "Ironmaster" made good-humored references to the resemblance at the meeting of the trustees of the Jeanes fund last week, and made a great deal over his distinguished colored counterpart.



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The "Council of Upper Classmen of Howard University" will give their first annual reception December 30 at Odd Fellows' Hall. The patronesses of the event are: Mesdames A. M. Curtis, R. A. Pelham, Mary Church Terrell, Bettie G. Francis, Elizabeth Messer, H. C. Tyson, John C. Dancy, W. E. Cobb, L. G. Morse, John C. Nalle, and Misses Lucy E. Moten and Cora B. Jackson. The president of the council is C. C. Sanford, and L. A. Hilton is secretary.

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A strong effort is being made by President W. P. Thirkield, of Howard University, to raise the $50,000 for the maintenance of the proposed library building, for which $50,000 has been subscribed by Andrew Carnegie on condition that a like amount be provided to keep it going in proper fashion. Howard University has turned out thousands of bright young men and women, and they are doing a great work for the race everywhere. An appeal is being made to them to come to the relief of their beloved alma mater.

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The Mu-So-Lit has decided to give a reception during the inaugural period at one of the larger halls of the city. It will in no wise conflict with the operations or plans of the Inaugural Welcome Club, in which many members of the Mu-So-Lit and other social organizations will participate. The indications point to a greater degree of unity in this matter than has been true of a score of years. At the meeting of the Mu-So-Lit Friday evening the proposition to increase the limit of membership from sixty to seventy-five was defeated by a decisive majority.

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Opposition has sprung up to the bill introduced in Congress by Mr. Hull, of Iowa, providing for the creation of the post of cashier in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, at $1,600. It is understood that the place is to be filled by J. Frank Blackburn, of Iowa, should the proposed measure become a law. Walter A. Pinchback is vigorously opposing it on economical and other grounds, and has succeeded in having it recommitted to the committee having it in charge, and action has been indefinitely postponed. As the necessity for a cashier is not strongly shown, it is not regarded as likely that the bill will pass at this session of Congress.

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A "matinee dance" for the benefit of the Clarke Training School is announced for Monday evening, December 28, from 2 to 6:30 p. m., at True Reformers' Hall. Mrs. Clarke is doing a most helpful work in domestic science, and the young women she is sending forth into the world, equipped in cooking, dressmaking, millinery, laundry work, etc., are all solving the race problem in practical and profitable fashion. The proceeds from this entertainment will go far to strengthen her hands, if the people turn out as they should. The patronesses for the occasion are: Mesdames John C. Dancy, F. J. Cardozo, R. W. Thompson, B. B. Jackson, Celia Lee, Thomas L. Jones, J. M. Saunders, J. A. Lankford, Mary A. Lee, and Misses Marie C. James, Mazie Dadford, Sarah E. Janifer, Annie Overstreet, Ella Welch, Blanche Gibson and Arsine Elizabeth Jones.

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The next meeting of the Inaugural Welcome Club will be held on the first Thursday evening in January, at the True Reformers' Hall. The membership is increasing daily, and the earnest money now in the hands of the treasurer is the largest received at this early date at any of the three inaugurations in which the club has participated. The officers of the club are: President, Dr. Wilson Bruce Evans; first vice president, E. M. Hewlett; second vice president, Walter J. Singleton; third vice president, Dr. W. S. Lofton; financial secretary, Henry P. Slaughter; general secretary, J. C. Burlls; treasurer, Daniel Murray. Some of the other well-known men identified with the movement are: W. L. Houston, W. H. Judd Malvin, D. D. Moore, C. F. M. Browne, W. H. Clifford, Robert J. Harlan, Gen. Henry Forrest, Leon S. Turner, J. A. Lankford, Dr. G. W. Cabaniss, Frank A. Byron, J. Henry Lewis, W. T. Vernon, Aaron Russell, R. W. Thompson, John E. Collins, Dr. W. H. Conner, L. M. King, Robert A. Pelham, Joseph E. Johnson, Thomas H. Clark, W. A. Joiner, F. D. Lee, Daniel Freeman, Benjamin Washington and others.

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Special to THE FREEMAN.

Copies of The Freeman for sale at Mr. Jim Carson's tonsorial parlor....Geo. Taylor is ill....The Elk Minstrels, headed by Marshall Royal and supported by a colossal company of eminent local talent, specially selected for their general fitness, will appear at the opera house on the night of Wednesday, the 30th inst. Don't fail to hear R. W. Thomas, the clever entertainer of the original Big Four Minstrels, and hub of the first part. Roy Mouppin, the city's golden voice baritone, sings the season's famous love ballad, "Good-Bye, Sweetheart, Good-Bye;" John Crain, the magician, with his collection of new tricks; Luther Jones and Arthur Bruce, the two eccentric "coons;" Miss Ernestine Walton, in her catchy, beautiful Indian song, supported by M. J. Crain, M. Porter, Emma Williams, Bruce, Misses B. Mitchell and E. Savage. A musical comedy closing act, M. Royal, Earnest Johnson. These are the leading features of the Elks' Minstrels, with the olio made up with other interesting characters. The grand street parade occurs at 2:30 p. m., headed by the great Masonic Silver Cornet Band. The staff of the minstrels: W. H. Crain, manager; Prof. A. J. Sykes, business manager; M. Royal, stage manager; Martin Wade, treasurer; A. Rhyme, stage carpenter; C. Frazier, properties; Prof. J. E. Douglass, orchestra director; Prof. E. Johnson, bandmaster and music arranger....The following resolutions were adopted by the I. B. P. O. E., Lodge No. 138, on account of the death of Oscar Wise: Be it known, that the following is the resolution of Defiance Lodge, No. 138, I. B. O. E., of the World: Bro. Oscar Wise was born in Sherman, Tex., January 3, 1888, where he had lived up to the time of his death, which occurred November 4, 1908. He joined Defiance Lodge, No. 138, I. B. O. E. of the World, and immediately interested himself in the noble work. He was a devoted and faithful member, and so remained until death claimed him, attending his last meeting shortly before. He was also a consistent and abiding member, following as best he could in the footsteps of his ancestors, and striving at all times to temper his sense of justice with the balm of fidelity and mercy. Although stricken with physical ailments for months before he died, he was ever faithful to the call of duty and responsive to the cries of distress and suffering. His regular attendance upon the meetings, time after time, when complaining of being scarcely able to remain until adjournment, acted as an inspiration to many, who appreciated his faithfulness while not following his example. As a mark of esteem and appreciation of the beautiful lesson of his life, and as a token of sorrow at the loss of our faithful friend and brother, we offer the following as the sentiments of Defiance Lodge: Whereas, our heavenly Father, whose wisdom and love manifest themselves to His true children, has chosen to release from the sorrows and trials, heartaches and pains of life, our beloved brother, and whereas, we feel sure He has accorded him a seat in that Supreme Grand Lodge where all is harmony, peace and love, and where He will forever preside; therefore, be it *Resolved*, That while we feel our bereavement and affliction, and give expression to our sincere sorrow, yet we bow in humble submission to the Supreme will. *Resolved, further*, That in the death of our beloved brother Defiance Lodge has lost one of the most faithful, devoted and consistent members, his family, a loving mother and sister, and we a sympathetic and loyal friend. *Resolved, further*, That we extend to the bereft family our sincere condolence, and in this sad hour of their sorrow point the mto Him who has suffered and offered to take upon Himself the burden of our sorrows. *Resolved, further*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our lodge, and a copy furnished to the city Negro editors for publication. Fraternally submitted,

MARTIN V. WADE,
Dec. 5, 1908. District Deputy.

Merry Christmas to all. During the holidays we will keep plenty of turkey, cranberry sauce and nice line of fruit on hand. Fine cigars. Grape juice, at the Evergreen Cafe, 419½ East Pecan street, Mrs. G. W. Hume, proprietor. The Freeman for sale there.

DEATH OF TALENTED WOMAN.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The death of Mrs. Julia Ellen Lewis, wife of Prof. W. J. Nickerson, which occurred December 17, has removed from the prominent colored circles of New Orleans one of its brightest ornaments. Daughter of Col. James Lewis, the veteran leader of his race, and of Josephine Blanche Joubert, two families that rank high in the annals of the respectable element of their class, she received a most finished education, having graduated in Straight University, and thence having studied in the New England Conservatory of Music, she shone as an accomplished scholar and musician. Her talent as a violinist and 'cellist was recognized, and on many an occasion in church and in public concerts she appeared and gained merited applause. After graduating from the Conservatory of Music she was appointed a supervisor of music and drawing in the public schools of this city. When, on the 3d of August, 1903, she became the wife of Prof. W. J. Nickerson, she resigned from the public schools and helped her husband in his work as professor of music in the colored university. She organized the young ladies' orchestra, a corps of musicians that has won golden opinions in numerous social functions.

Mrs. Nickerson was president of the Thomy Lafon Auxiliary Society in Aid of the Colored Asylum founded on a legacy of Lafon.

LOUISVILLE MAY GET BEREA

COL. WATTERSON HIGHLY FAVORS INSTITUTION

MUST HAVE INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

"There Lies the Future of the Negro" Argues the Kentucky Press—Revival of Courtesy to Women—Society Notes.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 15.—From all indications Louisville will most likely get the new "Jim Crow" Berea. The establishment of such an institution has been strongly endorsed by Mr. Henry Watterson of the *Courier-Journal*, that is, that Kentucky and Louisville need an industrial institute. Three editorials have appeared from the pen of Mr. Watterson, and the last one calls upon the white business men of Louisville to subscribe at once their pro rata funds for the establishment of an industrial institution, quite such a one as Tuskegee. The future of the Negro in Kentucky, argues the press of the State, lies in the fact that the "brother" must obtain an industrial education. The Louisville *Times* claims that such an education is of very pertinent interest to the whites of the South and Kentucky. It goes without saying that the best interests of one can not be divorced from the other. We are in the same boat and must oar together, as Col. Watterson puts it.

But on the other hand, there comes a howl from Negroes in this city and from all over the State, that they will have nothing to do with the "Jim Crow" school under Prof. W. M. G. Frost. This comes from those Negroes who have been students of Berea and were put out by "Frost" and claim that he was the cause of the passage of the Day bill which forbids Negroes and whites attending Berea.

Then, too, it is claimed that the school will only teach industrial pursuits and allow the brain to go sluggish. Nothing, it is said, "will be done for the higher development of the mind or soul." This is causing a storm of bitter denunciation to come from Negroes in all sections of the State. The fact that BeBrea was established for the higher training of the Negro, and then it taken from them and giving a substitute education, is also causing disagreement.

Your correspondent is doing in this case as he did during the last National Teachers' Association, publishing both sides of the question. At that time we sent out to the Associated Press the Berea side by President Frost as well as Prof. F. L. Williams, a graduate of Berea, who told how Prof. Frost, in his opinion, caused the "brother" to be barred from the school. We shall watch with interest the growth of the New Berea, as it is now the most vital question in the State of Kentucky.

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Miss Susie Sandusky of 1412 West Walnut street is very sick with typhoid fever.

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Miss Elizabeth Finney, the assistant librarian at Tenth and Chestnut streets, is ill at her home in Sixth avenue.

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Miss Ethel Reed, who has been the star at the Pekin Theatre, will spend Christmas at French Lick Springs, Ind.

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During the Christmas holidays Mrs. Steve Bell of West Magazine street will entertain the visitors with a delightful matinee dance.

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Miss Iona Kean has returned from Sackett Harbor, N. Y., where she went to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Birdia Kean. She had a delightful time.

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Miss Juanita Adams, the private secretary to Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, will spend Christma sat her home, Kansas City, Mo., and will also spend a few days at Topeka, Kan.

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Miss Janie Wood, who has been here from Brandenburg, Ky., visiting Mrs. U. S. G. Haynes, 1226 Magazine street, has returned to her home. She is the sister of Henry Wood of this city.

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A young baby boy is at the home of Prof. and Mrs. W. D. Thomas, 1323 West Chestnut street. It is said that he will be given professional training. He is a bright and cheerful baby and is the image of his "dad."

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Prof. Frank Williams, principal of the Sumner High School, St. Louis, Mo., will pass through the city next week on his way to Winchester, Ky., where he will preside over the meeting of the State Teachers' Association.

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Miss Benella Dell, the private secretary to James Williams, the real estate man, has been to Winchester for two weeks on business. She returned Saturday to Louisville, but was off to Winchester again Tuesday.

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Lucian Johnson of Lexington is expected to be here during the Christmas holidays. He is one of the most widely known young men in Eastern Kentucky and he will be among the honored guests during the social events.

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Miss Angeline Parker of Chicago and Maudo Hall of Louisville were quietly married at the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Emma Pryor, the widow of the late Thomas Pryor, 518 Lampton street. The couple will make their home for the present with Mrs. Pryor.

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Among those who are expected to spend a few days here during the Christmas holidays are the following: Miss Mattie Burdette, Grant Jordan, Henry King, Miss Katie Clark, Tom Hanley, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Burnett, Charlie Clinton and James Dorsey. Irvin Slye is expected to spend a few days also.

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The Frontenac Club will be the host of

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RACE PROGRESS!

Louisville And Her Host of Thriving Afro-American Citizens

BY CARY B. LEWIS.

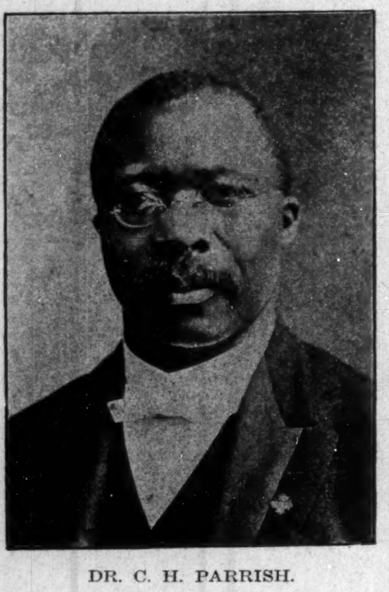
In this issue of The Freeman we wish to present to its readers a few pictures and a number of characters who have towered above the masses and have achieved some distinction in the city of Louisville. Here we have the minister laboring for the spiritual uplift of his people, the doctor deep in his chosen science, the lawyer learned in the subtelties of his line, the educator "teaching the young idea how to shoot," and the man of affairs brimful of business in his line of work.

Many of these men are making history for the race. Their lives and characters are evidence conclusive that the Negro is up and doing and is hopeful of success. In the short space of forty-five years the Negro has made marvelous progress and has accomplished much over great obstacles. Starting out without a paper or book, he has today reduced his illiteracy 50 per cent.., "made good" in a number of universities, built thousands of churches, homes, school houses, temples and academies and is still building and moving onward, not backward, upward and not down.

Today Negroes seem to be consecrated to racial uplift. This is evidenced by the number of banks established, insurance companies organized, newspapers published, books printed, calendars engraved and dolls manufactured. There are many Negroes in every city and town laboring to make the conditions better for the race and are doing their share to make the world better.

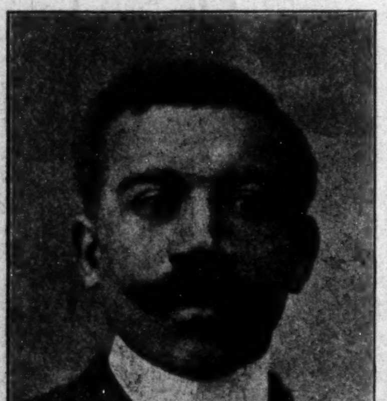
With this issue of The Freeman, we send forth from Louisville write-ups of men and women who have been in a large measure successful, and we believe that a knowledge of this fact will be an incentive and inspiration to other communities of our people to move upward and onward; and they send forth to their patrons, friends and well-wishers everywhere greetings and best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Today Dr. C. H. Parrish is considered the most remarkable man the State has produced. This has been due to the success of his own efforts. He has always had an insatiate desire for learning and was a student of the late Dr. William J. Simmons. In 1886 he graduated from the State University with the degree of A. B. The same year he was appointed a teacher of Greek in his Alma Mater. He studied theology and received the degree of D. D. Later he was called to the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church, which is now one of the leading churches of the State. His success as a minister has been phenomenal. He has represented his denomination in London, England, and delivered a most eloquent address which was printed in full in the *Pall Mall Gazette* and attracted world-wide attention. He visited the Garden of Gethsemane, the River Jordan and the Sepulchre of Jesus Christ, and on his return delivered many lectures. He is a delightful man to meet and wears his honors with becoming modesty. Dr. Parrish's real work is in the education of his race. He is president of the Eckstein Norton Institute, of Cane Springs, Ky., which school is regarded as the "Tuskegee of Kentucky." Propositions are now being considered by the trustees of Berea and Eckstein Norton Institute for the two Negro schools to merge. If the plans materialize and the faculty of the "New Berea" is colored, Dr. Parrish will be urged for the presidency. The State Teachers' Association has endorsed the propcsition and there is quite a demand on the part of the people for such a coalition. He recently purchased a beautiful home on Sixth avenue and has a charming wife and young son to adorn it. Dr. Parrish is vice president of the local Negro Business Men's League and will aid in the entertainment of the national league.


DR. C. H. PARRISH.

The medical profession is very largely represented in this city by Negroes. Over forty are located here. Nearly every one is doing his part to alleviate the sick and give advice to those who need attention.

Probably one of the most successful physicians in Louisville, and above all one who has made great progress since casting his lines in this city, is Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore. He acquired his education at his home in Greensboro, N. C., graduated from Bennett College, and desiring to become a physician and receiving training from a first-class university, he entered Mahara University at Nashville.


DR. J. A. C. LATTIMORE.

The doctor attended all the clinics and made a special study of every subject assigned to him at school. He graduated with honors and later came to Louisville and located in the southern part of the city. His earnestness, devotion to his patients and self-sacrificing spirit soon won the confidence of the people and in a very short while he began to be known as "The Doctor of the Town." He had the happy faculty of so diagnosing a case as to make the patient feel at once that he was in competent hands.

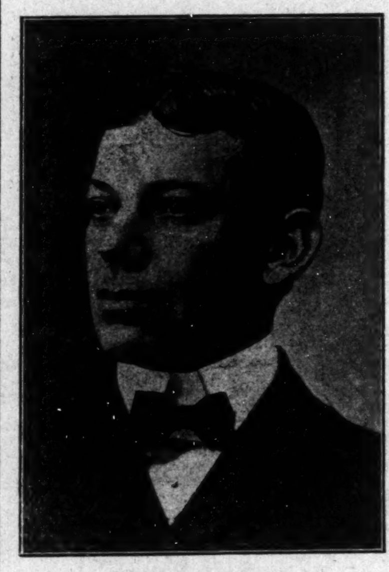
Keeping constantly in touch with progressive thought of the medical world and allying himself with those movements that make for advancement, he has developed greatly in his profession. This is easily demonstrated by his very large practice both in homes and office. In several cases of consultation with white physicians of the best schools, the ability of Dr. Lattimore is often referred to in a most commendatory manner. Dr. Lattimore has two handsome vehicles in which he calls to see his many patients, and owns one of the prettiest and most comfortable homes in the city. He is president of the Young Men's Progressive League, member of the Knights of Pythias and Falls City Medical Association. The doctor is a fine character and is admired by the people of Louisville.

A real Main street business man is Mr. D. L. Knight. He is one of the most substantial and successful business men in the city. He was the first man of color in Kentucky to establish a transfer line. He began his career in a brickyard, and by working regularly and saving his earnings, purchased a horse and wagon. He realized that to be successful it took brains and energy. On establishing the "Lightning Transfer Line," he opened an office and employed a stenographer. From that day until this, Mr. Knight has been getting all the work he could do among Main street business men. He now runs ten two-horse wagons and two one-horse wagons. Through the profits of his business he is one of the largest taxpayers in the city, some of his property being located in the most desirable parts of Louisville. He puts in the hands of his race from $80 to $90 weekly and is recognized in all the banks of the city.

MR. D. S. KNIGHT.

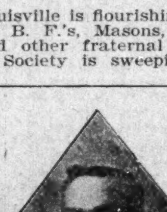
No man in the city displays more activity in the civic affairs of the race than Mr. Knight. He has often called the attention of the License Board to the evils of houses tippling for and their effect upon the race. In all public affairs he takes a part with zeal and energy and is a factor in progressive Louisville. He was recently elected president of the local Negro Business Men's League, which will entertain the National League here next August. Mr. Knight is a stockholder of the Lincoln Savings Bank, officer in the A. M. E. Zion Church, Thirteenth and Broadway streets, and has an office at 150 West Main street.

Without doubt, the name of Mr. Tom Cole stands out as one of the most thrifty and energetic of any in the city. He has acquired a notable and marked degree of success and his activities along business lines are known all over America. Mr. Cole was born in Russellville, Ky., and received an English education. He afterward went to Memphis, Tenn., and engaged in the produce business. He was successful in this for ten years and finally went to French Lick Springs, Ind., and took the management of the billiard parlors in the leading hotel of that place. Here Mr. Cole saved a good deal of capital, came to Louisville with his wife, Mrs. Hattie Cole, and opened a cafe at 1001 West Walnut street. His place of business has been conducted, as the late Bishop Potter of New York would term it, as a "poor man's club." Mr. Cole has done much to better conditions, for men of the race to assemble and take a little "O Be Joyful" in a quiet, dignified manner. He conducts his place according to the laws of the city and State.


MR. TOM COLE.

Mr. Cole has other connections. He is treasurer of the Falls City Realty Company. In this organization he has done much to keep the spirit of buying property moving in the race. He owns several pieces of property and has one of the most valuable homes in the city. He has a very pleasant wife, who entertains beautifully. Mr. Cole is a liberal patron to every business and industrial enterprise of the race. He gives employment to a number of men and is well liked by the citizens generally. To his everlasting credit, he is a devoted son and sees that his mother and grandmother are cheerfully and comfortably cared for.

While Louisville is flourishing with Odd Fellows, U. B. F.'s, Masons, Knights of Pythias and other fraternal orders, the Benevolent Society is sweeping the city and State like a cyclone. Her borders not only extend in the State of Kentucky but in the proud old State of Indiana. Born only a few years ago in the fertile brains of Negroes, and today she numbers among the strongest benevolent societies in this section. On all sides you can hear praises of this organization. Honesty, integrity and good will are its cornerstones. Engraved upon its dome, "We take care of the sick, bury the dead, inculcate domestic economy and urge thrift and industry." With these words emblazened upon its banner, Secretary P. L. Hamilton and the other officers are marching on to success. This army of faithful members was organized October 9, 1906, and now has 3,585 members. It has paid for sick and death benefits aggregating $5,971.75. Persons assisted, not members, 225. The society makes a specialty of seeing that its sick is visited and given such nourishment as the physician sees fit, and benefits are given weekly.


MR. P. L. HAMILTON.

Mr. Hamilton is one of the most active and energetic men of the city, and the organization has an office in the Douglass Building, 726 West Walnut street. It gives employment to two clerks, who are graduates of the Central Colored High School. Mr. Hamilton has been largely the cause of the organization's growth and through him it has been placed among the other successful organizations of its kind. It is managed by an executive board of general officers elected annually by delegates from its subdivision camps.

As a representative-at-large of the State of Kentucky, in politics, medicine and fraternities, Dr. E. E. Underwood of Frankfort, Ky., stands out most prominently; indeed, there are but few men in the State who are more widely known than he. As an orator and speaker, as well as a physician and surgeon, his name is a byword in the households of the Negroes of this and other cities. He is a finely educated gentleman and has done great service for his people along educational and business lines.

Dr. Underwood is a native of Ohio, but came to this State a number of years ago and married a Kentucky girl. He received a university education in the State of Ohio and graduated from the Western Reserve Medical University of the same State. He came to Frankfort and hung out his shingle. Being a brilliant, able and resourceful man and a student of his profession, he became very successful early as a practitioner. Being polite and gentlemanly and treating all his patients with courtesy and respect, as well as administering the proper medicines and advice, he became one of the leading doctors of the blue grass section.

For seventeen years he has been successfully practicing in Frankfort and several other doctors have come and gone since that time, but the dear old Dr. E. E. Underwood still remains as the "physician of the city."

In order to disseminate Negro news and plea for his people at the bar of public opinion, he established, with a company of men, the *Blue Grass Bugle,* which is to-day a newsy and spicy journal of opinion. In all the State and national campaigns, Editor Underwood has been heard as a trumpeter of the Republican party.

Dr. Underwood is secretary of the Examining Board of the United States Pension Commissioners. He is also trustee of the State Normal School, being recently appointed by Governor Willson. He is a Mason, Odd Fellow and present representative to the next biennial conclave at Kansas City. When Dr. Booker T. Washington was in the city of Frankfort, two years ago, it was at the home of Dr. Underwood that Dr. Washington said he experienced real Kentucky hospitality. Dr. Underwood is one of the leading politicians of the State. He was founder and first president of the State League of Republican Clubs. He was delegate-at-large to the convention that nominated President Roosevelt and has been a delegate to every State Republican convention since he has been here. Dr. Underwood is now being favorably mentioned by Senators and Representatives from this and other States for something good in the gift of the party.

DR. E. E. UNDERWOOD.

Most men and women who have made their success in life have not followed beaten paths, but have "struck out through the woods" and have made their own paths. It is said that the late Marshall Fields made much of his fortune by watching to see what the people wanted that the other merchants did not have, and he set to work to meet the "unmet demands." His success in this line was phenomenal.

For some months, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, the dauntless corresponding secretary of the Woman's National Baptist Convention, and secretary of the Douglass Improvement Company, watched the fast growing desire on the part of the progressive, race-loving Negroes to have pictures of their own people, not only upon their walls, but advertising matter. She watched that they had grown tired of the "piccaninnies, water melon eating, dice-throwing gang, and the "gold dust twins" burlesque, as well as the handkerchief-head, fortune-telling, "mammy" picture business. In her address and in her writings, she felt the pulses also of the common people and saw that they too were ready not only for Negro dolls, post cards and calendars with pictures portraying the "tantalizing browns" and the "dashing mahogany blondes" as well as cute little children.

MISS NANNIE H. BURROUGHS, A. M.

Having decided to meet the demand, Miss Burroughs selected some of the finest subjects in Louisville, and had them pose and from original photos of "Kentucky's keenest damsels" she had made four-color plates, and has on the market the first high-class Negro calendars ever made in America or in the world, for that matter. Agents "got busy." One company in Virginia ordered 15,000 at a clip, and another in Georgia, 10,000. Hundreds of others put in smaller orders. Negro business men have lined up to advertise their wares on "board" that has a Negro face on it.

Here is a new enterprise, with a lofty mission, managed by the most progressive, wide-awake young woman now before the public, and it is bound to succeed. Miss Burroughs has finished up her calendar business for 1909 with a most favorable outlook. She is now posing other subjects, getting ready for the large business she is sure to handle for 1910. Business men everywhere, who have received the calendars, speak in loudest praise, not alone of the "conception of the idea," as Prof. Du Bois said in complimenting Miss Burroughs, but as Dr. Booker T. Washington puts it in a letter to her, for the high-class work presented in these calendars, "Success to such a timely movement."

We were unable to secure a picture from Mr. Abe Meaux at this time, but his likeness will appear in these columns later. Mr. Meaux is one of the young Louisville men who has made great strides along business lines. Mr. Meaux attended the Louisville public schools and later attended Eckstein Norton Institute. He has always had an aptitude for business and, thinking he could make a success, began to prepare himself for an undertaker and embalmer. In his early career he associated himself with Mr. A. B. McAfee, who is regarded as a very efficient embalmer. He learned well the practical side of embalming from local undertakers and prepared himself to graduate from an embalming school of high standing. This he did and began working for the Louisville Funeral Directors' Association. He took the State Board of Embalmers examination and passed with a very creditable average. After working for the above firm for some several years, he closed a deal a few months ago which entitles him to all rights of the establishment. He has associated with him Mr. John Wilkens. These two gentlemen are now at the old stand, corner Eleventh and Walnut streets. They do a thriving business and this is due to the politeness and special attention given to all their patrons and the very intelligent manner in which they preserve there the bodies that come under their charge. They have demonstrated that they can do this kind of work in the latest and most stylish man-

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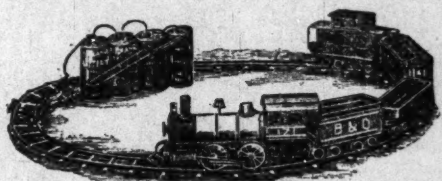

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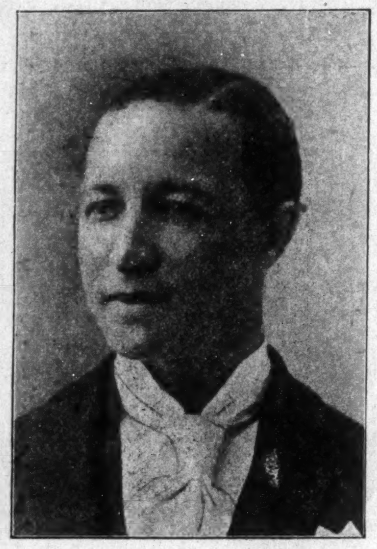
ner. They have up-to-date carriages and funeral cars and are now being highly recommended by those who have experienced their service.

When it comes to an educator, Prof. A. E. Meyzeek, principal of the Eastern and Normal Schools, is looked upon both by white and black as the leader in this city. He was educated in the mixed schools in the States of Indiana and Ohio. He graduated from the Indiana State College and intended to read law, but found later that he would choose the schoolroom, and in this profession he has made marvelous success. Since coming to Louisville, he has been the most prominent and active professional man in the city. He does not hide nor cringe but is always found on the front line of battle for the Negro's uplift. He has been principal of the Central High School, which position he filled acceptably for three years. While principal of this school he organized separate and distinct departments of work, established a working library at a cost of $300, and also improved the laboratory.

He was afterward made principal of the Eastern school and has done splendid work here. He has inculcated the saving habit among the children and urged them to read and, being fond of youngsters, has caused them to love him.

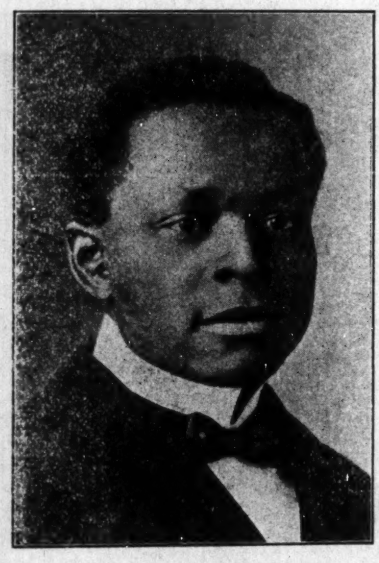
Prof. Meyzeek is an advanced educator, having been specially trained in the higher sciences of educational methods. The Louisville School Board transferred the normal class to his school, and under him it is a great success. Kindergarten teachers also come to him for instruction by a request of the white Board of Kindergarten Managers. He is thoroughly abreast of the times and has a sound professional spirit. He has conducted a number of county institutes and is often highly spoken of by county superintendents and teachers. Prof. Meyzeek is a man of high character and social standing. He is a member of the Bannaker Reading Circle, a High Mason, communicant of the Church of Our Merciful Savior and took an active part in soliciting funds for the purchase of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is blessed with a charming wife and a beautiful home on South Maple street.



PROF. A. E. MEYZEEK.

Attorney W. H. Wright, a native of Alabama, has come within our gates and made himself a most desirable citizen. He is another one of the young men that has prepared himself for life's conflict and at the bar he stands out as a splendid representative of a regular practitioner. He is succeeding and, judging from the many clients he has daily, the up-to-date office, amount of legal business transacted and the esteem in which he is held by other lawyers, greater success stands out in his favor. He has been favorably mentioned as a candidate for the Legislature of the Fifth district, Tenth ward, and every indication points that he will be nominated on the Republican ticket and will be elected.

Lawyer Wright was born in Livingston, Ala., and received a common school education in that town. He entered Selma University, one of the leading educational institutions in the South. He graduated in 1898 and went to Howard University and graduated in 1902 with honors. While studying law he received an appointment in the Federal Department, which position he resigned in 1904 to practice his chosen profession, which he now nobly represents in the city of Louisville. Lawyer Wright stood the bar examination before Judge Watts Parker, State Senator C. J. Bronston and the late W. C. P. Breckenridge of Fayette Court. So well was his work done on this occasion that the above gentlemen commended highly the ability with which he answered the questions.



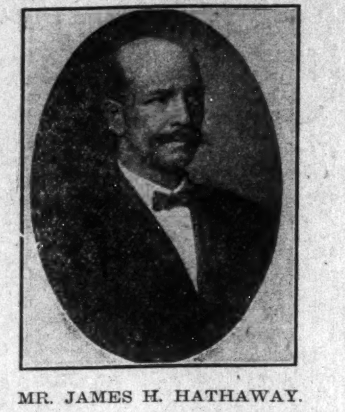
HON. W. H. WRIGHT.

Since first coming to Louisville, Attorney Wright has leaped right into the affairs of life and has taken front place in all things that tend for the good of the people. He practices in all the courts of the city and has had several cases in the Court of Appeals at Frankfort. He has one of the best law libraries in the city and is a student of the same. He has recognized long ago that law is a profession that one must know and that it takes brains and grit to succeed. He is generally liked by the people of the city for his honesty, intelligence and integrity, and armed with these the people expect of him greater success. He is young in years, but able in mind.

Louisville has ten Negro undertakers. She can surely boast of being able to take care of her dead. Of all things, man must die. During these days of progress and science, the proper care of the dead has become quite an art. Many rapid strides have been made in this profession. Beautifying the body, the casket and securing first-class carriages and funeral car are the chief requisitions of an undertaker and embalmer.

Of this number in the city, Mr. Hathaway stands out most prominently. He is regarded as one of the most polite in the business and when he is seen to be in charge of a funeral the byword is "Everything will be perfect." Mr. Hathaway needs no introduction to the citizens of Louisville. For years he has been a familiar figure in this city. He is a representative Negro and noted for his sterling qualities and integrity.

A number of years ago he decided to become an embalmer and undertaker and prepared himself for the task. He qualified in every way and began business and now holds a certificate from one of the most reputable embalming schools in the country. He is equipped in every way to embalm the dead and give perfect satisfaction on any funeral occasion. Mr. Hathaway is polite and courteous and his assistants are very much interested in the business. He owns some of the finest and most up-to-date carriages in the city and his funeral car is a thing of beauty.

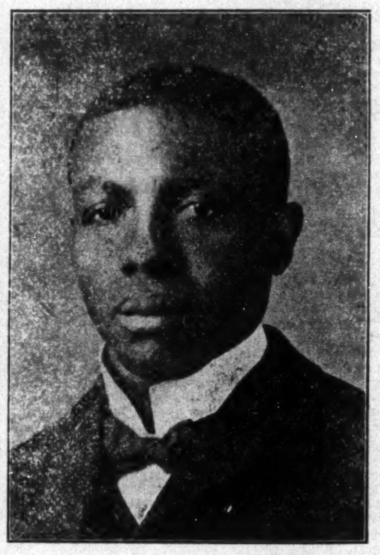


MR. JAMES H. HATHAWAY.

He is not a selfish man by any means. He is liberal and generous and these traits of character have given him cause to be highly esteemed all over the city and State. He is also connected with the State Colored Undertakers and Funeral Directors Association and is an officer in the organization. Mr. Hathaway has a wife and charming family and owns a pretty home in the eastern part of the city.

The benefits of a business and literary education shine out very conspicuously in the character of Mr. E. H. Hall, formerly of Henderson, Ky. Mr. Hall received an industrial, business and literary education at the famous Hampton Institute, where Booker T. Washington graduated.

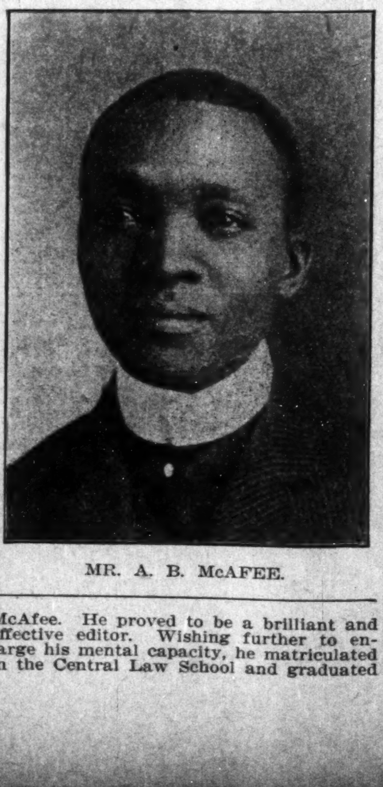
If there ever was a time for such young men of the stripe of Mr. Hall, it is now. He is a splendid example for other young men to follow. He started out as a school teacher, but feeling that his activities could be used to better advantage in business, he became an employe of the National Benevolent Union, located at 410 Center street, this city. He showed a capacity for the work and by diligence and study aided the organization in its progress, and was made secretary. Through the efforts and skill of this young man, the Kentucky division of the National Benefit Union has been permanently established, and is now under immediate direction of Kentucky officers, which is a credit to its members, officers, the State, and brings honor, respect and commendation to Mr. Hall for his worthy achievement. This organization, the National Benevolent Union, which this young man represents, carries more joy and gladness and scatters more sunshine into the homes of the poor of the State, brings more relief and comfort to the sick and suffering, than any other organization of its kind. In many instances those who might otherwise be buried in the potter's field, or carried to an untimely grave, are saved from this horrible fate and given a Christion burial through the aid of the National Benevolent Union. Not only is Mr. Hall one of the moving spirits in this organization, but he is connected with other business interests in the city. He is a member of the local Negro Business Men's League and expects to take an active part in the entertainment of the national league, of which Dr. Booker T. Washington is president. While yet a young man, he has a brilliant future. Judging from his past success, he will most likely be one of the leaders of the State along business lines. He is a Pythian and represented Eureka lodge at its last grand session in Lexington.



HON. E. H. HALL.

Mr. A. B. McAfee is one of the many graduates of the Central High School who has proven that the training and education given at this institution is well worth securing. If ever a young man was given tremendous applause when he was given his sheepskin, it was Mr. A. B. McAfee, and right nobly has he performed his share of citizenship. In his early school life he showed evidences of a precocious mind in demonstrating problems in solid geometry. After his graduation he took examination for a teacher in the public school and won the coveted honor with ease. He taught school for several years with credit and honor. He also worked for the late William Watson and studied the art of embalming. Having an astute mind, he easily mastered the art and became very proficient after taking a course in Clark's School of Embalming, Cincinnati, Ohio. He passed the State Board of Examiners with honor and became somewhat of a local authority on embalming.

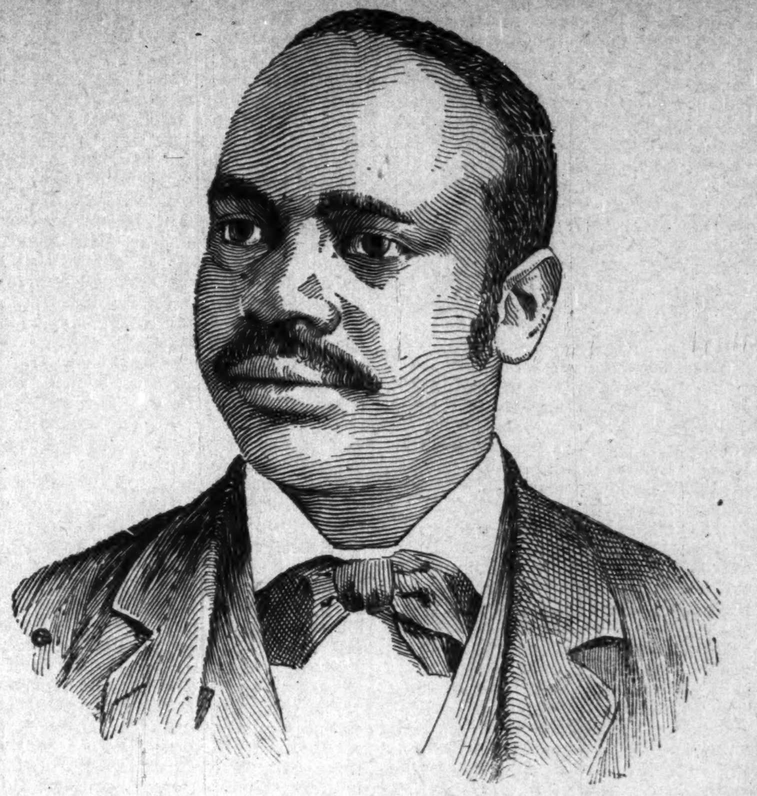
Another prominent feature in the life of Mr. McAfee was his connection with newspapers. No paper in the city among the colored people had a wider circulation than the *New South*, edited by Mr. A. B. McAfee. He proved to be a brilliant and effective editor. Wishing further to enlarge his mental capacity, he matriculated in the Central Law School and graduated with honors. After a few years of practice, he took the United States Civil Service examination for whisky gauger. He made one of the highest averages and was appointed and has been serving in this capacity ever since. His reports to "Uncle Sam" have been marked by exactness and a complete knowledge of the work and have been the cause of much comment. During his career he has been a student of political history and econmy and has been actually engaged in the game of politics. He has served as secretary of the city and county Republican convention and has been a delegate to nearly every State Republican convention since he reached his majority.



MR. A. B. McAFEE.

The services of Mr. McAfee were felt in the last campaign and he was a prominent figure in the Chicago convention that nominated President-elect Taft. He is being favorably mentioned for things higher at the hands of the federal government, of which he has served with zeal and credit. Well known, highly respected, able and eloquent, he is today one of the brightest stars in the galaxy of progressive young men. The victory of his success has been the habit of work.

"Who loves his work and knows how to spare,
May live and flourish everywhere."

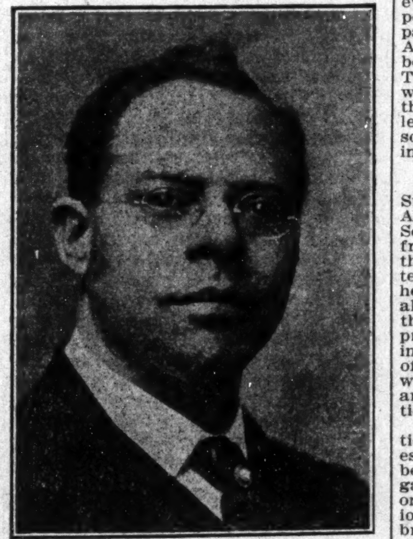


HON. A. S. WHITE.

Hon. A. S. White, one of the most able lawyers in the country, was born in Louisville and received his early education in the public schools of this city. He afterward attended the Normal Department of State University and graduated with honors. He had a taste for good literature, and made a study of English and American masters. Being ambitious to do something in the great field of battle and wishing to perfect himself in the profession of law, he went to Howard University, Washington, D. C., and graduated in 1891 with honors. He came to Louisville and began to practice. By energy and unremitting toil, he began to rise, and today his success demonstrates the Negro's ability to deal with intricate legal questions with a distinction that has challenged the admiration of other members of the bar. Mr. White has been sworn in the Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court, and has handled many important criminal and civil cases. He has been an editor of several papers and proved himself a versatile and effective writer. He is an eloquent speaker and has spoken in many States in the country on various questions.

In all recent campaigns he has been in demand as a stump speaker. He stumped Indiana and Kentucky for McKinley and Roosevelt and spoke for Governor Taylor in every congressional district in the State. In every political campaign since 1892, he stumped the city for the Republican party, and under the direction of the last national Republican committee he delivered many speeches in favor of President-elect Taft. He was secretary of the district convention that nominated Judge Walter Evans for Congress and permanent secretary of the convention that nominated Governor Taylor. Mr. White has been often appointed on committees to examine applicants for admission to the bar, by the judges of Jefferson county, who have utmost confidence in his ability and probity. He has always done himself and the race great credit. In 1897, President McKinley offered him the appointment of Sierra Leone, which he declined. In 1892 he was appointed United States revenue agent by Hon. John W. Yerkes. Mr. White is also in line for higher honors at the hands of the party he has served so long and faithful. His white and black Republican friends all over the country are anxious for him to get an appointment that will be a credit to the Negro race of Kentucky. Mr. White is dean of the Central Law School and stands high in nearly every fraternal organization. He is today one of Louisville's most honored sons and is well deserving of future honors.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, located in this city, is regarded as one of the strongest business men among us. His department twelve years ago had not a missionary nor a dollar with which to employ one; today they maintain wholly or in part 135 missionaries in West, South and East Central Africa, the West Indies, South America and Russia. In 1896 the entire year's effort, the Foreign Mission Board raised less than $3,000; for the conventional year ending August 31, 1908, they collected $20,277.48.



REV. L. G. JORDAN.

Dr. Jordan is now rejoicing over a report of a very encouraging nature received from Rev. D. E. Murff, superintendent of foreign missions for South Africa, under his board. This report tells that the colonial governments of South Africa (which includes all that part of Africa lying south of the Zambesi river) have given ministerial rights to Superintendent Murff and Rev. E. B. P. Koti, a native pastor. For fourteen years, Negro Baptists of America, through their Foreign Mission Board, have been sustaining missionaries in that part of Africa, but their missionaries could not perform the marriage ceremony among their native converts. Dr. Jordan says: "More than ten years ago, ten thousand Africans in South Africa deserted their white pastors in the Wesleyan Church and united with the A. M. E. Church under Bishop Turner, leaving many of these white men without means of support and causing them to appeal to the government to make their black sheep stay with them. This gave rise to the cry of the 'Ethiopian Movement,' and in time brought about an estrangement between all English Christians and their native brethren in South Africa, causing the governments to look upon all missionaries of color from the United States with suspicion and mistrust. Hence, every effort was made to discredit Negro preachers among the natives. Only for the unalterable principle of truth and the persistent efforts of some true friends of religion in Europe and America, it is generally believed that all denominations having Negro leadership would have long since been driven out of South Africa."

At the meeting of the World's Baptist Congress held in London in 1906, the officials of the Foreign Mission Board, in company with President Morris and other leading Negro Baptists attending the Congress, met the leaders of the English Baptists from South Africa and labored to have their co-operation in righting this wrong. Dr. Jordan says: "For some reasons, unnecessary now to explain, the matter has dragged along until this year." He feels that the two and a half million Negro Baptists in this country have every reason to be very grateful to Almighty God for this victory, which means another deathblow to polygamy among the millions of our own people in far-away Africa.

The National Baptist Foreign Mission Board takes rank with the other boards, doing similar work throughout the world. In all the books and tracts used for general mission study, its work and workers are enrolled.

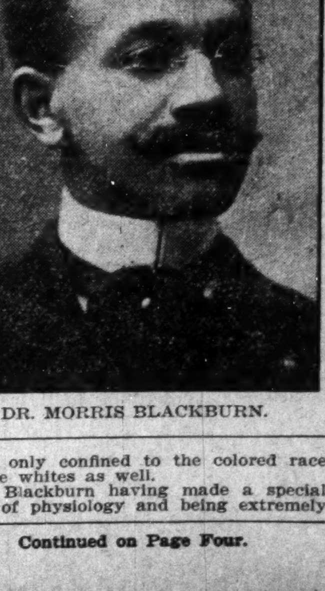
Secretary Jordan is the senior secretary of the National Baptist Convention and is beloved and respected by his denomination, as the following from one of the leading denominational journals will show: "No man attending our great National Baptist Convention this year received a greater ovation than Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., the untiring secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. The convention at the suggestion of Dr. Parrish and President Morris, rose to its feet and gave Brother Jordan the Chautauqua salute. That sea of white handkerchiefs must have cheered his heart as few things could. 'Give him some flowers while he can smell them,' was heard from many of the brethren who know the value of Dr. Jordan to our denomination."

For the coming year he has associated with him as field secretaries for the department, Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D., of Texas; Rev. E. G. Fishback, D. D., of Kansas, and Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., of Virginia. A strong effort will be made to finish three schoolhouses and one church building in Africa, and one church and school building in South America, by the time the National Convention meets in Columbus, Ohio, September next. In addition to his work as secretary, Dr. Jordan takes quite an interest in whatever goes to better the condition of our people everywhere. His vigorous campaign as corresponding secretary of the Afro-American Council will be remembered by all the members of the race. Through him the Business Men's League was invited to this city. He is at present the corresponding secretary of the local league and it is generally said, "There is something doing when Brother Jordan is in it."

Dr. Morris Blackburn was born in the State of Indiana and the city of New Albany. He attended the Scribner High School and received private instruction from the late Dr. Vance, who was one of the best informed men of the State. After his literary education was completed he entered the Louisville National Medical College in 1899 and graduated from this school with honors in 1903. He practiced in Louisville for two years and in 1905 went before the Medical Board of Examination and Registration. He was successful in passing the board examination and immediately began practice in his home city.

The day he passed this board examination, which is said to be one of the hardest of any State in America, the doctor began to rise in his profession. He began the accumulation of the latest books on medicine, surgery, anatomy and physiology and has been a student of these branches of science ever since. Not being satisfied with books alone, he subscribed for the best medical magazines and kept apace with his profession. Today Dr. Blackburn is regarded as one of the best informed physicians in the cities of Louisville and New Albany and his practice is not only confined to the colored race but the whites as well.

Dr. Blackburn having made a special study of physiology and being extremely



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THE FREEMAN $1.00 a year until Jan. 1.

Lobsters are increasing so says the report—the water kind.

A Negro recently sold 144 bales of cotton on the streets of Little Rock, Ark., receiving $7,344.85 for the same.

Perhaps if the other fellows had the job of building the big canal they would not see quite so much to criticise.

The McGirt Publishing Company is reported as capitalized at $100,000. It is a considerable bunch of money. McGirt gets out a magazine.

Allensworth is the name of Col. Allenworth's new town in California; it is said to be in one of the most fertile parts of the San Joaquin Valley.

The Seattle people are in a stew about little Nora McPherson, a colored girl, said to be held in slavery by a white family from the South. May be it isn't true. We hope not.

Some one asks: "Shall we colonize to solve the race problem¼¼" Some should colonize just as others do. The Negroes miss much by not colonizing. The United States, however, is plenty big for any colonization scheme ever incubated.

All men up, even to the farmers. That class is coming in for consideration. Not long since the President expressed himself as solicitous concerning the farmer's welfars; now Congress also manifests a disposition to bring him out of "bondage." Other submerged classes will be eventually reached.

The Morris Brown College at Atlanta, Ga., will not abolish its industrial department, as set forth in the Atlanta Constitution. The trustees declare that they have no such intentions, insisting that the report was circulated for mischievious purposes. They passed resolutions condemning the author of the report.

The following legacies recently to Tuskegee Institute: From the estate of Mrs. C. C. Williams, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, $2,000; from the estate of Anderson Martin, Knoxville, Ia., $1,660.80; estate of Edwin Stone, New York, $6,000; estate of Mary E. Shaw, New York, $3,003.01; estate of Edward B. Haskell, Newton, Mass., $1,000.

It is said that Cyrus Field Adams was the only colored man that contributed to the national Republican campaign fund. Mr. Adams contributed $50, the lowest amount permitted to be published. It is possible that smaller amounts were contributed by others whose names did not show up owing to the ruling. It was very thoughtful in Mr. Adams.

President W. S. Scarborough, of Wilberforce University, will go to Toronto, Canada, by special invitation. He will attend a meeting of the American Philological Association, before which body he will read a paper on some disputed passages in Cicero's Letter. Mr. Scarborough is the well-known Negro Greek scholar. His ability has won him meritorious recognition among the learned.

If the President will concede just a little bit more in the Brownsville matter the whole business will come to a speedy and satisfactory termination. The country needs the colored men for soldiers. They may not of peace, but when the war note sunds just such men respond. They look so valuable today, in the time should return as innocent men or not at all.

"The Mechanic Savings Bank, located at Richmond, Va., in a recent annual statement of its financial connditions, shows deposits amounting to $481,243.65. This bank is one of the strongest of the forty-six banks owned and controlled by the Negroes of the United States. John Mitchell Jr. is president."—Exchange.

Well, yes; a Negro bank that can show upwards of a half million in deposits is something to think about.

A professor in the Andover Theological Seminary once met a man going to the town meeting. Said the professor: "What are they going to bring up at the meeting today, Brown?" Brown replied, with a snarl: "I dunno what they're goin' to bring up, but whatever it is, I'm goin' to oppose it."

Just like some people who feel it their chief business in life to oppose everything that comes up. "Risin' to de p'int" is the favorite parliamentary expression in some circles.

Henry O. Tanner, the well-known Negro painter, is preparing to give an exhibition in New York city. Mr. Tanner is recognized among artists and art lovers for his genius. He prefers religious subjects for treatment. Several of these have been admitted to the Paris Salon. Among his masterpieces are "Nicodemus," "The Two Disciples of the Tomb," "Christ at the Home of Martha and Mary" and "Behold, the Bridegroom Cometh."

West Point has nothing but praise for the Negro cavalry stationed there. Col. H. L. Scott, superintendent of the academy, had the following to say in his report to the Secretary of War: "The cavalry detachment (colored) has continued its excellent showing and has demonstrated still further the advantage of colored over white men for this duty. There is a waiting list now, and only experienced men having former service and very good and excellent records are accepted."

The Kansas Supreme Court has followed the United States Supreme Court. It recently held that the cities of Kansas may provide separate schools for white and Negro children below the high schools; they must have equal facilities. When it comes to bringing about the equal facility condition it s more than a nation. The Interstate Commerce Commission is up against the equal facility proposition in the separate coach situation. It finds no difficulty in maintaining the separate coach status, but it does not find it so easy to perform the other half of the contract.

President Frost, of Berea College, Kentucky, seems to be sort a nemesis of the new Berea. He insists that it must be a normal and an industrial school, not a college. One publication of that state is surprised at the little interest the colored people are taking in the matter. Perhaps there's nothing to do about it. If the school is furnished on conditions, then the conditions are to be met. If the new Berea is independent of State support and other support not coupled with conditions, what Mr. Frost says will not avail anything. People can get what they can pay for in this country, as the rule.

A. C. Howard, the Negro shoe polish man thinks of starting a Negro community in New Jersey. He thinks of an industrial center where Negroes engaged in manufacturing might come together, thereby giving employment to thousands, who, in turn, would support many more in varied occupations. Mr. Howard has been successful in his business and feels that his experience should have weight in the matter he discusses. Contrary to the rule, he prefers the East; he thinks it nearer to the wealthy colored men who could be more readily induced to go a few miles than try the far off West.

The prize-winning corn from the County of Johnson, which was sold at the National Corn Exposition at Omaha, Neb., has been taken to other States, the bids left by the local "corn kings" being too small. Mr. Clore left a bid of $25 for his ten ears of prize corn that won the national champion sweepstakes at the show in Omaha this week. However, an Iowa editor saw the advantage of an advertisement and paid $28.50 for the ten prize ears. For the seventy ears on which Mr. Clore won his automobile he left a bid of $75, but this bushel of corn was sold for $160.

And the question is sometimes asked if farming pays; iti pays Mr. Clore and all those of his class.

"Four restaurants in Chicago competing for patronage, spend an aggregate of $60,000 a year for orchestras, singers and vaudeville artists to attract customers. Each one tries to outdo the others in providing amusement novelties, and the expense is piliing up, seemingly out of all proportion to the receipts. Up to a year ago only orchestras were employed to draw trade. Then one of the restaurants usurped the amusement field with singers, and, later, with vaudeville show. Others followed suit in order to hold their trade. Each one of these restaurants, we believe, would now gladly drop the music hall and vaudeville features, if they could all agree so to do and have faith that all would keep the agreement. But there is a lack of faith in the other fellow. And it is so to day in Chicago that many people go to restaurants to be entertained with a free show."—The Hotel Monthly.

Detroit is having a touch of the color question. Two negroes were refused admission to a veterinary college. They appealed to the court and were sustained in their right to enter the college as students; the dean declares that their presence means the loss of a large body of students, owing to which financial loss will follow.

"We are decidedly up against it," said Dean Shuh recently. "If we bar the Negroes we violate a court order, which will mean trouble for us. On the other hand, unless we keep the Negroes out, we will lose thirty-four students for the rest of this year, and also for next year, and will suffer a heavy financial loss in consequence. We have decided to go to the Supreme Court with the matter of admitting the Negroes.

With the recent Berea decision it will be very interesting to know what it will do in event the case is carried to that court. The Supreme Court will have to do some very fine treading, we very much suspect.

MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JEANES FUND.

At the recent meeting of the trustees of the Jeanes Fund, the board approved of the distribution of $1,680 among eighteen schools toward buildings and equipment and appropriated $17,500 more to be expended on recommendation of the president and approval of the executive committee. Among those present were: James H. Dillard, president; Booker T. Washington, chairman executive committee; Walter H. Page, editor World's Work, vice-president; Major R. R. Moton, commandant Hampton Institute, secretary; Andrew Carnegie; J. C. Napier, Nashville, Tenn.; R. L. Smith, Texas; Bishop A. Grant, Kansas City; R. C. Ogden, New York; Principal Frissell, of Hampton Institute, and George A. McAnney, New York City.

This fund, it will be remembered, was a recent bequest by Miss Anna T. Jeanes, of Philadelphia, for the benefit of the Negro rural schools. Startling information has been disclosed in recent years as to the inefficiency of the Negro rural schools of the South. Not long since a circular letter sent out by Booker T. Washington called attention to existing conditions. The letter appeared in many Negro publications, and for the most part was commended and commented on.

The $1,000,000 will have much work to do, but in the hands of those wise men, so wisely chosen, including such men as President-elect Taft, Andrew Carnegie, Booker T. Washington and Bishop Abraham Grant, the fund will be wisely administered. The area of distribution is wide, practically including the whole South outside of the greater cities. However, the fund is meant as an auxiliary to the customary appropriations and not as the total means of education. The trustees, according to the bequest, act in conjunction with the educational authorities, helping them in bringing about satisfactory educational conditions.

The magnificent donation is the greatest of recent years for the specific purpose of educating Negroes. Really, we do not recall a similar amount given by one individual at one time. We are reasonably sure that it is the greatest sum ever given for a similar purpose.

Miss Jeanes was of great heart and truly philanthropic. It is evident that in scanning the fields with the view of doing the most good, where her money was actually most needed, that the one she chose to help stood most in need of her assistance. Millions in bequest are made yearly, most of which go to institutions already richly endowed—pampered, very often. They may stand also in need to prosecute the great work in hand; but they are rich in opportunities. These greater institutions have only to make their wants known and the dear sympathizing public is there post haste for relief. It is very much different with the humbler concerns. Once in a great while, however, an evangel of mercy, like the well-known symbol of Justice, hovers in sight, sees nothing—knows nothing but equalness.

The Negroes of America are under great obligation to the late Anna T. Jeanes, who had that rarer discrimination sometimes given to women to exercise—religious in her bequest, in that she was true to the conviction that the Negroes of the rural districts of the South were the greatest sufferers from lack of educational facilities, and owing to which fact she gave freely of her means. We have not made enough to do over the wonderful woman. To be a millionaire we dare say is the most coveted distinction in American life; then to think that this woman has given this great desideration in a lump—it is a great thing!

COLOR LINE IN A NEW YORK Y. M. C. A.

Last week the optimism of one of the ambitious men in our office received a most violent jolt when he was refused the privilege of enrolling as a member of the Banking and Investments course at the West Side Young Men's Christian Association on 57th street.

One of the officials told him that the institution would enroll no colored person in their educational classes.

This man who was refused graduated from their real estate course last year, and he inquired if any colored member of their association had ever misconducted himself, or had acted so as to cast any reflection on the association. He replied that there was no fault to be found with any individual colored man, but that the committee took that stand because some of the teachers objected to teaching colored pupils. A short time ago he was very sorry to tell a refined, educated colored lady that her son could not take their automobile course because if the same reason.

It does seem that the cue furnished by the Barea College decision is being acted upon immediately in the North.

Well! When Christian (?) Associations take such a stand, then it is time for us to wake up and make the most of the opportunities which are now open to us, for we can't see what doors will be closed tomorrow.—The Metropolitan, New York.

The moral is all right.

CHRISTMAS CHEER AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Freeman extends its many readers everywhere Christmas cheer and New Year's greeting. It lays stress on "everywhere." It is said of the British empire that the sun can not go down on it, owng, of course, to its vastness. The sun is shining on some portion of the British domain at all times. The Freeman in its circulation is not very dissimilar; it is universal n its distribution, notwithstanding it is published in Indianapols and by colored men. Now is the time to subscribe.

A little self-praise will not be amiss in this most jubilant period of the year, consequently, while we are extending cheer and greeting we wish the readers to understand just what it means by way of numbers, by way of territory covered.

Freeman readers are literally everywhere. Travelers from the Congo or New Zealand in their rambles will tell you that they saw a Freeman en passant. The weary Negro from the States holds the Freeman next to a letter from home; he has that intense longing that beset men when absent from things they know, appreciate and love, and which they can never know just how much they appreciate and love until cut off from them. The chance passing of a fellow countryman is a boon to a white American in Scandanavia—alone and far from home. A Negro fellow countryman chanced his way. Seizing the son of ebony he hustled him to the nearest drinking resort, demanded of the bartender cocktails for two, his country's drink. Not that he loved the "cullud cus," for far too long he had stood in awe of him; but, ah; that Saxon tongue, like a freshet in desert wilds. To those away from home as well as those near we say merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

To those abroad we may say that America is still here, and doing quite well. The race is coming up in the potent things—money wealth especially—the idol of the age in which we live. It is infatuated with the money craze, and the stress and tendency is towards money accumulation—not always as proper as the stress and tendency should be, but in the great intent, right and proper according to the demand. The craze has not that high moral aspect, and since everything else are of lesser consideration, a condition not taught out of the good book.

We have some reason for being proud of our native land. It is not ideal in somethings and as they concern the race particularly, but measured up with the other citizens, seeing things in a big way, we live in a great country and in a great day.

The Christ nation suggested by the period is at its best in America—this has in mind the possibility of choosing whom one shall serve. Relgious liberty rules as civil liberty theoretically rules. It means this much at any rate when referring to theoretical civil liberty, that the Government as such is willing—that portion of the Government represented by its written laws. Merry Christmas because Christianity prevails, the most uplifting religion known to the world, in its tenets. The practice has been fairly consistent, insuring us what we see today of civilization. That the practice does not reach the preachment is not a matter for alarm. To strive for the more perfect day is the scheme and scope, meaning that imperfection is the expected. Civil liberty more than theoretically rules, looking at things in a great big way. The race is a little beset, but bids fair to overcome all and enjoy what should be the fruit of suffering.

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DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

State Grand Master John W. McKinney, of the Masonic bodies of Texas, has been visiting the crafts in the commercial centers the past two weeks, and has laid the plans for adding another story to the Masonic Temple at Fort Worth, so that all the various bodies of Masonry can meet at the same time in July. This addition will, when complete, cost about $10,000, but will serve a $50,000 purpose to the Masons of Texas. The bodies in Dallas vote to let the good work be done, and at once....Patterson, Calmon & Patterson are in the limelight at the leading vaudeville houses here, with an up-to-date act....Walter Williams is a thorough funster, and will mix it with any of the good ones on the road....The Manhattan Orchestra is cleaning up with a new set of musicians and classic music. This orchestra has added some vaudeville starts who get the money also....Pay your poll tax....Lift your sidewalks up out of the mud, Mr. Property-owner.... Mrs. Johnnie Davis, the wife of Mr. Frank Davis, died of heart failure last Sunday night. She leaves four small children, who have the sympathy of the good citizens in the neighborhood where they are to be raised....The annual election of officers of Connet Odd Fellows' Lodge was the hottest ever held by the members.... The drama, "Tax on Bachelors," presented at Evening Chapel C. M. E. Church, was well received, and is the talk of all. The proceeds go towards helping the Lincoln Library Association, which has been struggling for some time without a permanent home. These ladies should be better encouraged in their work by the whole people....Peter M. Ridge is the moving spirit in pushing the Y. M. C. A. movement into the minds of the citizens and gathering young and old into its meetings at the various meeting places. Let us have more such men as Mr. Ridge in this work, and it will be a success.... Every man and boy should become a member of the Law and Order League, so that a more determined stand for higher morality among our people can be made. ....Hon. Chas. DeGaulty, of Houston, spent several days here looking after lodge matters....Mrs. Carrie Epps spent the holidays visiting at Marshall, Tex.... A bouncing boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jackson last week, also to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Sunday morning. ....Christmas was observed by the churches, clubs, lodges and societies.... Capt. Johnnie Jones and his braves of No. 4 K. of P. drill team will keep open doors New Years day and night at Odd Fellows' Hall. The public is invited. A neat program will be presented by various men in the department of the State....What becomes of all the so-called big men when there is something to be paid for that will be of some benefit to the race, except getting the honors and votes at the expense of the plain folks?....We have had many visitors in the metropolis this week, taking Christmas and having a jolly good time....The united efforts of the league are meeting with success.

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a number of social functions during the holidays. They will entertain Christmas eve, Christmas night and New Year's night. They expect to have jolly times. The officers are: Frank Fleming, president; Felix Brooms, vice president; Walter Tinsley, secretary; Black Stringer, treasurer.

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A. B. McAfee, one of the leading young men of the city, will have out his directory by the first of the year. It will contain cuts and ad matter of undertakers and other business men of the State and city.

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There was quite a sensation at The Freeman office yesterday when a man came in with two large granite stones and said he could break them with his fist. He began to do so with perfect ease. Crowds began to gather and he began to eat fire, glass, bend an iron poker, drive nails in the floor with his fist and pull them out with his teeth. He brushed his hand over a red-hot stove and did a number of other stunts. The man was named James Wanderson of Melvin, Australia, and was recently with a circus. He was quite an amusement at The Freeman office. George Slaughter eased the "brother" a handsome collection.

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Immediately after the first of the year, President D. L. Knight of the local Negro Business Men's League will call all the members together for plans of future work. It is up to the Negroes to begin to think seriously along these lines, as the days are passing and nothing tangible has been done except elect officers. Something more than elect officers must be accomplished to entertain the National Negro Business Men's League. It will require some diligence, skill and perseverance to do the work necessary to entertain the visitors. Right after Christmas will be a splendid time for the local league to get together and think over these things.

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More than passing attention is being given the young men of the city for showing courtesy to the young women of the race. This beautiful attention has come under our observation a number of times lately. The young men are often seen to escort the young ladies to church, theatres, whist parties and other places of amusement. There seems to be a revival of the chivalrous spirit. The young business and professional men have caught the spirit and they seem to vie with each other in this sort of courtesy. This sort of loyalty usually commends itself to the young women and it is hoped that it will be practiced during the holidays, when there will be so many functions in the "Smart Set."

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Miss GeGorgia A. Lattimore gave a beautiful dinner Sunday, December 13, in honor of Will Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio. The dining room and table had for decorations, lillies of the valley, carnations and roses. A large French silver basket stood in the center of the table and it was filled with Killarney roses and violets. This was placed on an oval plate fringed with maiden hair fern. The mints and tapers were white. A five-course dinner was served with white ices. Covers were laid for Misses Mary V. Hicks, Pearl White, Georgia A. Lattimore, Sadie Evans, Messrs. Will Smith, Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, Cassius Smith, Cary B. Lewis and John T. Clark. After the dinner, the party made a number of calls in traps.

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The State Teachers' Association will meet in Winchester, Ky., December 29 to 31. Vital questions will come up for consideration. The Berea matter will no doubt be the "hobby horse." Among the special speakers will be Prof. L. H. Moore, Washington, D. C.; Prof. G. W. Carver, Tuskegee, Ala.; Prof. Clarence Matthews, Lexington, Ky.; Prof. R. M. Shipp, superintendent of the Winchester schools; Profs. Frost and Dodge of Berea, and Dr. C. H. Parrish of Louisville. Prof. F. L. Williams, president of the association, will deliver his valedictory address. A large number will go from this section. We will send matter to The this section. We will send matter to THE FREEMAN, Cincinnati *Enquirer*, Louisville *Courier-Journal* and Louisville *Daily Times*.

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News has reached the Foreign Mission Board, 726 West Walnut street, that the colonial governments of South Africa have given ministerial rights to the superintendent of their missionary work, the Rev. D. E. Murff and E. B. Koti, a native pastor. For fourteen years Negro Baptists of America have been sustaining missionaries in that part of Africa, but their missionaries could not perform the marriage ceremony among their native converts. At the meeting of the World's Baptist Congress, which met in London in 1906, the officials of the Foreign Mission Board met the leaders of the English Baptists from South Africa and labored to have their co-operation in righting the wrong, but from that time on the matter has dragged along until now. The Rev. L. G. Jordan, who is secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board, conducted by nearly two and a half million Baptists, considers this a great victory and believes their work in West and South Africa will be greatly helped by this recognition coming to workers of his board.

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We love to cheer on progressive movements in our city, especially Negro business enterprises. Walnut street in this city is getting very much like a street in the city of Chicago. Many business houses are on this street. There is the Pekin Theatre, Douglass Drug Store, a shoe store, calendar company, Pekin Cafe, Neighbors' Photograph Gallery, Cole's Cafe, Fanning's Laundry and now we have the Keystone Restaurant.

The Keystone was opened December 13 in full blast. In many respects it is the swellest place of its kind ever opened in this city. It is located at 912 West Walnut street, right in the heart of the "Black Belt." The dining room is of very large dimensions and able to accommodate several dozens of people. A double soda fountain is the charm and beauty of the place. Many handsome and appropriate pictures adorn the walls, white linens are used on the table and silverware at every service. Mr. A. H. Crutchfield is the proprietor, and he has as his assistants experienced and reliable people to help serve meals with dispatch and politeness.

From now on he hopes to make the business a success and he calls on the citizens of Louisville and those coming to the city to patronize him. He assures them that they will be given the most polite attention and will be treated with extreme courtesy. He will have everything that is in the season's market and will be prepared with an artistic culinary hand. Mr. Crutchfield will make a specialty of short orders and regular meals. He will also serve theatre parties on short notice. During the Christmas holidays he expects to have a choice menu, to be served in pomp and style. We had the pleasure of being served the day of the opening and we say with modesty that we were agreeably satisfied with the delicious dinner. This up-to-date restaurant fills a long-felt want in the city of Louisville. Many have complained of the need of one. It is here, so let us patronize it. It will be carried on in first style. The new enterprise has The Freeman's best wishes.

CARY B. LEWIS.

Race Progress

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fond of this branch of science, became known as a specialist and was appointed to the chair of physiology in the Louisville National Medical College. So thorough has he become in this work that he contemplates writing a book on the subject. In the city of New Albany, Dr. Blackburn is well known by both white and black. He takes a great interest in all public affairs. He is now being favorably mentioned as a member of the city Board of Health of New Albany. He belongs to a number of secret organizations and has a very large practice among them. Dr. Blackburn is a member of the Young Men's Progressive League and stands high among the social sets in both Louisville and New Albany. Dr. Blackburn is young in years and has a brilliant future before him. His many friends and admirers expect him to tower higher in the profession that he has so well selected.

For over twelve years Louisville has been the proud possessor of a colored drug store. Amid business vicissitudes, the People's Drug Store has stood like the Rock of Gibralter and stands today with the same strength and vigor. Five years ago the store was purchased by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver and since that time it has kept the pace with every other drug store of the city. It has always had a competent registered pharmacist and holds a splendid reputation for exactness in compounding prescriptions and politeness to patrons.

Mrs. R. W. Oliver, the proprietor of the drug store, is a splendid woman and enjoys the distinction of being the only colored woman in the State to occupy such a place. There is at this store a full line of fresh toilet articles, stationery, patent medicines, cigars, etc. The People's Drug Store has always held the unique honor of having the best soda water in the city. They serve during the winter as well as the summer. They have the best syrups and ice cream of the highest grade. The drug store is well patronized by the people and the colored physicians do their part nobly and generously.

The People's Drug Store is a monument to the business thrift and enterprise of the Negroes of the city. It belongs to them and stands out as a credit to the race. Its success is the success of the Negroes of this community. It should be given patronage by everybody in that locality and people of other sections of the city should fall in line and boost and help the favorite drug store.

The colored tailors of this city have held their ground admirably. It was the late E. I. Masterson, who returned to his home from Tuskegee Institute as a master of the trade and demonstrated that the new Negro could cut and fit. Since that time others have followed in his steps and kept up the good work. They have kept the pace in the conduct of their business and their show rooms are models of excellence. Of the ten or more in the city, the one of Messrs. Leonard Haley and Robert Hester is the most up-to-date and flourishing. This place was formerly owned by Mr. John S. Hopson, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute. Mr. Haley was at one time connected with the late Mr. Hopson, but sold his share to accept a position as letter carrier in Chicago. After working in Chicago for some time Mr. Haley returned to this city and after the death of Mr. Hopson, purchased the tailor shop, and now he and Mr. Hester are partners in business. Messrs. Haley and Hester are now conducting the place with much business acumen and promptness. They have in their employ the best trouser, coat and vest makers in the city. They carry a full line of stylish and beautiful samples of woolens. They cater to the fastidious and the other class of dressers. They make a specialty of cleaning, pressing and repairing. Mr. Haley is a Louisville boy, comes from an excellent family and has a splendid training and rearing. He is esteemed among all classes and many are proud of his success. Mr. Robert Hester is a practical bushelman and knows as much about a garment as a learned surgeon does a human body. These two young men should succeed in business. They call upon the people of this city to help, who should do so as a matter of race pride.

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It is an assured fact that there is now on the market, a COMB, Scientifically Made of Hardened and Highly Polished Metals. Copper and Brass, associated together, conducts an influence over the scalp and hair. A phenomena, through its working ability, bringing the crimpy hair straight and silky in appearance, causing a rapid growth, a permanent cure for dandruff, stopping the hair from falling, making natural straight hair, light in weight and airy in appearance. The best hair dryer. No other metals so suitable for the hair. Brass and Copper are friendly to horn. The EUREKA COMB Guaranteed. Why not order today? Directions go with every comb. Price, complete, $1.50, by P. O. or Express Money Order. EUREKA COMB CO., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. James Williams of the Southern Real Estate Company has put a new life in real estate business among his race. He came to Louisville quite a while ago with the idea that he could put into practice the teachings of Booker T. Washington, especially the "buying property" gospel. That he has been successful is best evidenced by the large number of families that purchased homes through Mr. Williams. Since opening his office in the Douglass Building, scattering literature among all classes of people and using the printer's ink, the masses of the people have given the idea consideration and many are now buying homes instead of paying rent. Mr. Williams saw many of his people living in poorly ventilated and unsanitary homes and immediately began to remedy these evils by urging owners to repair them in a decent and respectable manner. He became the agent of some of the best owners in the city and now has charge of a number of splendid homes and also buys and sells property. His interest is not confined to this city alone nor to this State, but also stretches to other States. He has two large offices and they are constantly filled with callers daily, seeking property and rental of homes. He has several runners to look after his business and a stenographer and bookkeeper. He has employed one of the ablest lawyers in the city to look after his legal business. Mr. Williams is in touch with all property buying in the city and is highly respected by the real estate men of Louisville. For advice along this line, we call attention to the local readers of The Freeman to the enterprise of Mr. Williams.

We would do the Negroes of the State and the city of Louisville an injustice without giving a mention of Prof. F. L. Williams, formerly of this city but recently of St. Louis. He is a graduate of Berea College, formerly principal of the Central High School of this city and also of Grant High School of Covington, Ky., and is now principal of the Sumner High School at St. Louis, Mo. He receives one of the largest salaries of any Negro educator of this country. He is a brilliant, thoughtful and progressive educator and is president of the State Teachers' Association of Kentucky, and will preside over the meeting at Winchester December 29 to 31. At this meeting he will deliver his valedictory address and is expected to be one of the most masterly and ably handled that will be heard at the association.

Evans and Young's Dancing Academy is a social institution which has a large following in the city of Louisville. Every Tuesday night, at Odd Fellows Hall, instruction is given in the latest dances by competent instructors.

A splendid orchestra plays all the latest music from Cole and Johnson, Williams and Walker and S. H. Dudley's shows. "It is quite a pleasure," said one of the young women who was present last Tuesday night. "I have an opportunity to meet my friends once a week and engage in innocent social pleasure." The class is largely attended every Tuesday night and some of the best people of the city are among its attendants. Throughout the coming year, Messrs. Evans and Young will no doubt have very large crowds and will introduce the very latest dances from Chicago, St. Louis and New York.

The latest enterprise in the city is the Enterprise Shoe Store. Mr. Board is manager and the outlook for its success is very bright. The Douglass Calendar Company and the Keystone Restaurant are also late business establishments. Among some of the many other Negroes who are in business are the following: Guy W. Smith & Sons, packers and movers; Johnson, Hansberry, Caldwell & Caldwell, grocers; D. L. Knight, coal dealer; W. H. Fannings, shoemaker; T. S. Lusby, contracting carpenter; Sam Jordan, caterer; Shipley, Adams, Evans & Dill, tailors and dry cleaners; Norris, the ice man; Bud Malone and Tom Young, barbers; Ben Shipley, expressman; Dr. Sol Stone, real estate; L. Gibson, florist; James Tate, furniture dealer; Garrett, the tinner; Frank Willis, contracting painter; Spence Taylor, blacksmith; J. M. Kennedy, printer; Mathew Willis, builder and repairer.

The photograph gallery of Mr. J. R. Neighbors is one of the swellest in the South. He does artistic work and is given a healthy patronage by his people. During the recent Cole and Johnson show, a number of the "Red Moon" company had their work done at this place. It was pronounced by the actors to be among the best pictures they had ever seen. Mr. Neighbors takes all the poses for the Douglass Calendar Company.

Mr. Dave Steward conducts a swell tonsorial parlor on Fifth avenue and R. H. Jewell operates a large dry goods store, which commands a large portion of public patronage. There are three Negro street commissioners, two colored physicians connected with the city government. Mrs. Meyzeek, at Eleventh and Chestnut streets, conducts a millinery and dry goods store. Miss Atholene Payton has written a cook book and is a culinarist of recognized ability. There are barber shops, restaurants and cafes innumerable. There are 5,000 school children, 140 teachers, one high and normal school, eight grammar schools, one university, one medical college, Y. M. C. A. building, Carnegie library, two hospitals, Falls City Realty Company, Pekin Theatre, ten undertaking establishments and five newspapers. Miss Julia Young is editor of the *Kentucky Standard*, which has perhaps the largest local circulation. There are hundreds of others engaged in some form of legitimate business enterprises. These are among the Negroes who will take pride in welcoming the National Negro Business League to the city of Louisville. There are nearly fifty clerks in the United States postal service and a large number in the United States Revenue Department. Louisville has its numerous musical and literary clubs and its social circles. Among some of Louisville's leading ministers are the Revs. Leroy Ferguson, John H. Frank, J. C. Anderson, C. C. Bates, Alexander Gorham, H. A. Hanam, D. A. Gaddie, C. H. Parrish, W. M. Johnson, T. J. Tally, E. G. Harris, L. H. Brown, W. H. Craighead, and Rev. Dickerson. For culture, refinement, aesthetic tastes, economic and industrial activity, the Negroes of Louisville are the peers of those in any city of America.

THE STAGE
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Merry Christmas!

Simms and Grundy are at the Family Theater this week, meeting with much success.

Eugene Clark and J. Ford were the headliners at the Gem Theatre, Memphis, Tenn., last week and they were the hit of the bill.

Williams and Stevens are hard at work getting their big act ready for vaudeville. They have contracts for ten weeks over the Ammons & Sipe's circuit.

"Jimmie Wise, from Georgia by Telegraph," with Marshall's Old Plantation, sends regards to Charles McKenzie and Henry McCampbell and other friends.

"The Eighth Annual Review of the Stage," by Sylvester Russell, will appear about January 1, and articles by Mr. Russell will appear every week during the year 1909.

Saparo & Bonny, in their new act entitled "De Diety Doos," are rapidly becoming great favorites in vaudeville, at present booked by the Western Vaudeville Association. Regards to Perrin Crosby and Slater Trio.

Tommy Stevens closed a season with Howe's Great London Shows December 1 and is now with Marshall's Old Plantation Company. Would like to hear from Geo. Ayers of Mahara's Minstrels. Regards to all friends.

Hoping the staff of The Freeman a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and will give you my route as soon as I start. Give all my best regards, and will take the paper this coming year.—Prof. M. J. Taylor, Taylor's Sunny Africa High Class Musical Comedy Company, 16 Conley Alley, Newark, O.

Reuben Harvey, the eccentric comedian, musician and manager for the W. L. Jackson Musical Concert Company, has recently resigned. Mr. Harvey and his wife are now rehearsing a new act, which they will put on next fall. Regards to the profession. Permanent address, Jackson Hotel, 217 Pearl street, Louisville, Ky.

Robert C. White, proprietor of the Dark Town Swells show, with Barkoot Amusement Company, received Billy Arnte's two letters from England, saying how good he is doing across the pond. Billy Arnte will star White's big Dark Town Swell company this spring when he returns in March and White's old standbys will still be in line. Joseph Russell, Estella Crumley, Wm. and Mary Fountroy, Fred Riges, present stage manager; Leroy Knox, Charley Wilson, Charley Hernon, Ida Sims, challenging eccentric dancing, Miss Willie Brown, Rich Daniels and the other oldtimers that have been with Mr. White the last two or three years. Our parade has them all beat to a frazzle. Everybody has paper over here and above all that old ghost is like an eight-day clock.

THE GRIFFIN SISTERS.

They have played the entire Western country with success, including Alaska, and intend to stay there until spring. Then they will come East. Regards to all friends.

TICK'S VAUDEVILLE, MEMPHIS.

The company sends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to friends in and out of the profession. H. Kidd Love and wife send a merry Christmas and happy New Year to Mr. Elwood Knox. Eugene Davis joined hands with us last week.

THE WHITMAN SISTERS.

The Whitman Sisters and Robinson present a Negro act, in which they present a number of favorite melodies and some gingery dances that fairly carry the audience away. This act is quite different from what we have learned to expect when a Negro turn is announced.—The Morning Times, San Jose, Cal.

The act is playing a return date this week, at the Wigwam Theater. They are meeting with much success, finishing a twenty weeks' engagement, to close at Denver, Colo.

ROYAL THEATER, MEMPHIS.

The Royal Stock Company gave the patrons of the theater another surprise last week in presenting to them another drama in one act and two scenes, entitled "The Hidden Black Hand," written by Tom Briggs and staged by R. R. Mathews, Jr. We turned the people away, playing to nothing but S. R. O. all week. The cast was well selected and was as follows: J. W. Anderson (a villain of many crimes), R. R. Mathews, Jr.; Mike, a typical tramp (his accomplice in crime), Jas. E. Simpson; Sambo (a servant), Tom Briggs; policeman, Louis Tinsley; Eddie (the newsboy), Little Eddie Wilkins; Miss Malindy Dobs (a wealthy widow), Miss Ida Gardner; Susie (Miss Dobs' niece), Miss Ada Harris; Daisy (Miss Susie's maid), Miss Blanche Arlington; Hannah (the cook), Miss Alice Ramsey.

This week we are presenting an all-star vaudeville show, and the patrons are highly satisfied with it, and we are turning them away, as usual. Simpson and Mathews are presenting their singing and dancing Zulu act, entitled "Pastimes in Zuzuland," assisted by four ladies. They are also singing Simpson's latest song, "My Little Jungle Queen," written especially by him for the act. The dancing of the act was staged by R. R. Mathews, Jr. We have a new lady member, who joined us last week, Miss Blanche Arlington, of New York. She sends regards to friends both in and out of the profession. Walter Reid, our trap drummer, wishes a merry Christmas to his brother, Wm. Reid. The company all join hands in wishing a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all friends in and out of the profession.

THE LINCOLN THEATER, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

The reopening of the Lincoln by S. Tutt Whitney and the new Lincoln Stock Company was a most auspicious occasion. The seating capacity of the house was entirely inadequate, standing room being at a premium, and fully three hundred persons were turned away from the doors. The elite of Knoxville turned out in large numbers, the best families of the city being represented. The show, a one-act musical comedy, "The Strollers," by S. Tutt Whitney, was all that could be desired, and the best by far yet seen at the Lincoln. It was one jolly round of mirth, music and song, and the audience applauded and held its sides with laughter from the rise until the fall of the curtain. S. Tutt Whitney rightly deserves a place in the first rank of colored comedians. He appeals to the intelligence of his audience, and amuses without resorting to horseplay or vulgarity. The work of Homer Tutt is also deserving of special mention and praise. In dress he is the legitimate rival of George Walker. The dancing of Sam Gardner was above the ordinary, while Sank Simms displayed real talent in his portrayal of Percy Harold, an English swell. Misses Nettie Taylor, Mabel Brown and Ethel Marshall were given prominent parts and acquitted themselves with credit. Nida Marshall and Mamie Gardner sang and danced their way to the hearts of the audience. The song hits of the show were "It's Shoutin' Time," sung by John Johnson; "Oh, My, Miss Mandy," introduced by Homer Tutt; Nettie Taylor and t he "Merry Widow Quartette" were encored again and again. S. Tutt Whitney sang his own composition, "I Ain't Goin' to Let Nobody, Nobody Make a Fool Out of Me." Prof. Watterson and Lawrence Williams furnished the music, and it was of a high order. Mr. Carl F. Johnson, proprietor, and W. A. Baynard, manager, are assured of the enthusiastic support of the Knoxville theater-going public.

QUESTION ANSWERED.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21, 1908.

Mr. Knox:

Please publish in Saturday Freeman to decide a bet as to the Original Black Patti—Mrs. Sis. Jones—whether she is dead or not. Wasn't it Flora Batson who died in Philadelphia two years ago? Please oblige one of your readers,

C. W. ROTHCHILDS.

2813 Wylie Ave.

Madame Sisseretta Jones, Black Patti, is enjoying the best of health, and is at the head of Voelckel & Nolan's Black Patti Troubadours, now in the State of Mississippi. Flora Batson died about two years ago.

THE FLORIDA BLOSSOMS.

Chas. McKenzie writes from Douglass & Worthery's big Florida Blossoms show that the show is still packing them to the doors each night. We carry forty people, a band of twenty.

The Fishers, Cora and Larney, are still going big.

Billie Richardson, the Florida sunbeam, is doing nicely.

McKenzie is doing his flying act, which is new to the gig; it's a winner.

Douglass & Worthery have ordered a one sheet for the new act of the Great Mc. We all work as one and spend what we work for, as the game's fever has not reached us yet.

B. B. Joyner, our dancer, keeps his feet moving well.

Brogsdale and Steward are going some for a new pair.

The company sends best regards to all.

We all red The Freeman.

McKenzie sends best to the Allen's bunch.

OPERATIC MINSTRELS.

W. T. Bruce, manager of the Operatic Minstrels with Baucher's United Shows writes: We are down in "Bam" once more. The old ship is gliding along nicely. We have not struck any big waves yet and if "Old Sol" keeps on shining as he has in the past there will be no likelihood of us going down.

We have just played a couple of towns on the M. & O. branch, Vardaman and Calhoun City, that had never seen a colored show, and the S. R. O. sign was hung out at every performance.

Arthur Roy is sending them out yelling every night in his eccentric buck and wing dancing.

Warren Irvin is still getting his in his monologue.

The team of Lane and Caldwell are still young in the profession but are doing excellent in there knock-about song and dance turn. Diamon Lane is a promising comedian.

Gus Barnett is singing "Somebody Lied," and scores several encores every night.

W. A. Bruce is singing "Baby Doll" and "I'm the Man," and it is all he can do to keep up with the youngsters.

The rest of the company—Jack Wimbush, Charles Polly, John Reed, Annie Powell, Mayme Shannon, Susie Williams—send regards to all friends in the profession.

Will Bruce would like to hear from the Beechums, John Edwards and Arthur Prince.

ILLNESS OF HORACE COPELAND.

Guillipolis, O., Nov. 22, 1908.

Mr. Elwood Knox,
Indianapolis, Ind.

DEAR SIR—With genuine regret for the painful and unpleasant position in which I am placed, as I am bed ridden and cannot help myself, I cannot find words to thank you for all your kindness, and I fully appreciate it in every sense of the word. I have written to nearly every stage manager in the country since I came to this hospital and they have all turned me down. I wrote to Ernest Hogan when he was in a position to aid me, but he also turned me down.

I wrote Mr. Luke Pulley in New York City, the treasurer of the profession, and might have gotten some aid, only Sam Lucas blocked it, because he was on his uppers and trying to work up a benefit, which he did. Now, Mr. Knox, I was the first man to put Sam on the stage and used to show him how to dance in Cincinnati when I was a boy and he was a man. Now Sam must be 80 years old or more. I am 58, and I met him in Cincinnati. When I got back from Australia in 1900 he was with Cole & Johnson, but not the Johnson that Cole is with now. Johnson and his wife stopped across the street from our house and he was always at our house when he had the time.

Kersands Minstrels were here last season and came to see me. I was in bed. Kersands gave me 50 cents and told me it was the worst season he ever had and told me he would speak to the boys and try and aid me in my condition. Now, there is an army of colored talent in the country, but they are too good to aid a brother professional. There is Black Patti. I would not give her for all of them put together.

I have written Williams & Walker two or three times and it was wasting time and stamps. There is Sylvester Russell, and he has done more for me than any of them. Mr. Russell has written my life up from a boy and put it in your paper, The Freeman.

Now, Mr. Knox, I had another stroke of paralysis and for the last two years I have been laid up with rheumatism. They cannot do anything for me, as they are all students. Now, you do not know how I have suffered. They ordered that I not bathe and it is all that I can do to get hot water to shave myself with, let alone take a bath. Now, Mr. Knox, when I got The Freeman I cried for joy. It is my only comfort and I am a great baseball fan. It is the only game. So please don't take it from me. Try and get the boys to pay it for me when they call and pay you a visit.

Now I will bring my letter to a close. Wishing you and Mr. George Knox a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Please let Mr. George Knox read this letter.

Yours truly,
HORACE COPELAND.

COLE AND JOHNSON'S SUCCESS AS INDIVIDUALS.

Cole and Johnson were first brought prominently before the public by their compositions of popular Southern melodies that were different from that usually presented for popular approval. These young men have given much study and research to the folk-lore songs of their race. The old plantation melodies and camp-meeting jubilee songs, full of the rich coloring and dominant minor notes that has given these crude songs of the slaves a strong bid as pure examples of true American music.

Cole and Johnson are both young colored men who have taken advantage of the opportunities offered for a liberal education. Cole, who supplies the lyrics for their work, is a graduate of Atlanta University and has studied all of the phases of Negro life. His work ih full of character; his ambition being to preserve to posterity the delightful old personalities who wore the spotless bandannas and the grey-haired philosopher of "Uncle Remus" fame. The atmosphere created by these truly fine old characters is worthy of preservation, even if it can be only on the stage. The old melodies and songs of the plantation remain now but a memory to many, and the present generation can only hope for their reproduction by someone intimately in touch with all of its phases and with sufficient musical abilty to preserve their native charm. The knowledge that this work was full of possibilities was brought strongly to the attention of Cole and Johnson by that distinguished musician, Walter Damrosch, while they were entertaining a company of celebrated musicians and notable guests in New York at the mansion of Mr. Clarence Mackey, who was entertaining Dr. Damrosch in honor of the first presentation of his American grand opera, "The Scarle Letter." Among the distinguished guests were Mark Twain, Francis Watson Gilder, Madame Nordica, the prima donna of the production and an assemblage of other celebrated personages. Cole and Johnson offered their songs and piano numbers for the entertainment of the guests. Johnson is the most accomplished and skillful pianist of his race and a student of the New England Conservatory of Boston. After rendering several of the exquisite old melodies, a discussion of the old slave songs and melodies of the jubilee singers was entered into; the place they would have in American music and the influence the songs would have upon the work of composers that would write music typical of America. The crude single dominant note of the aboriginal Indian song was also discussed. The great Damrosch, turning to Cole and Johnson, said: "You young men can do muchto preserve to posterity the charm of your people's folk-lore songs," and from this suggestion Cole and Johnson are devoting their talents to perfecting the rich color and harmonies of Negro music, full of character and pleasing charm.

S. TUTT WHITNEY,
IN HIS COMEDY CREATION OF "SILAS GREEN FROM NEW ORLEANS."

Mr. Whitney was two seasons stage manager of Gus Hill's Smart Set; two seasons star comedian and producer for Voelckel & Nolan's Black Patti Troubadours; at present comedian, amusement director and producer for the Lincoln Theatre, Knoxville, Tenn.

LOWERY & MORGAN'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS.

This show is packing them to the doors every night and our managers, Lowery & Morgan, are well pleased with the company.

Miss Carrie Gilbert is taking the house by storm singing "Baby Doll."

Miss Callie Vassar receives several encores every night singing "In My Old Kentucky Home."

John Edwards is still making a hit with his buck dance.

Mrs. James Hall is singing "Mandy Lane" with much success.

William Jones, our trombone player, sends regards to friends at Columbus, O.

The Beechums comedy sketch, "Black Face Coon and His Octoroon," leave them screaming nightly.

Our stage manager, Jack Johnson, is very busy rehearsing a new act for the show.

Prof. P. G. Lowery's band is well spoken of all along the line.

REAL NEGROES ARE VERY FUNNY

The Wang Doodle Comedy Four—all as black as the ace of spades anyway, yet appearing with a burnt cork makeup and wearing black gloves on the stage, is the highest salaried colored turn ever booked at either of the local vaudeville houses and it makes good. Eight years ago Julius Glenn, Keokuk, Ia.; James White, Indianapolis; Erb Robinson, Baltimore, and Henry Goodall, Pittsburg, were with the Richard and Pringle Colored Georgia Minstrels. They got their heads together and decided that they could do better—the four—in vaudeville. They rehearsed a turn, put it on and obtained bookings as the Wang Doodle Comedy Four. They have been at it ever since, five seasons as an olio feature with Bob Manchester's burlesque attractions. In straight vaudeville they are working their way back East from the Pacific coast.

Glenn has a grotesque dance that is great, but his funny makeup is a big help in producing laughs. For the dance he claims credit; for the makeup he doesn't. It was suggested by the veteran minstrel, Al G. Field, two years ago when he saw what the colored entertainer could do. "Mr. Field is one of the best men in the business," says Glenn. "He likes to see everyone do well—it doesn't make any difference whether he is in his company or not. He has suggested lots of things to people who are not with him. He told me how to get myself up to bring more laughs, outlining the costume and facial makeup. I did as he said, and he was right."—*The Saturday Spectator*, Terre Haute, Ind.

COLE & JOHNSON'S RED MOON CO.

Chas. Hunter, our stage manager, is still holding 'em down and sends regards to Marion Brooks.

During the engagement of "The Red Moon" in Dayton Messrs. Cole and Johnson were the guests of Mrs. Marion Smart Moore.

While the company was playing in Dayton there were about fifty people from Richmond, Ind., to witness the performance. Richmond is the home of Andrew Tribble, who is now interpreting the part of Lillie White. He is making a great hit with his song "I Aint Had No Lovin' in a Long Time," assisted by Benny Jones (Bill Simmons).

Mrs. C. W. Brown of Indianapolis, the mother of our lyric tenor, Frank Fowler Brown, came to Dayton and spent three days with her son and friends. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sherman.

The Cole & Johnson red and black soubrettes are Misses Leona Marshall, Pearl Taylor, Daisy E. Brown, Lottie Gee, Bessie Brown and Marion Potter. They are wearing a red stocking and red shoe and a black stocking and black shoe in the last act, in Master Edgar Connor's song hit "Sambo," and it makes quite a Frenchy effect.

Sam Lucas, the grand old man and dean of the profession, is still retaining his health and getting younger each day. He keeps the boys full of smiles with his funny sayings. While playing Cincinnati, sixty miles from his home (Washington Court House), twenty-four couples came over to see the show, and after the performance they gave the grand old man a good time. "Oh, what a night dad must have had!"

Theodore Pankey is still on "The Road to Monterey" with his eighteen pretty senoritas.

Robert Young of Cole & Johnson's company will close at his home in Baltimore with the intention of doing some local theatrical work. He contemplates opening a colored theatre in that city soon.

Herbert Sutton is still the favorite singing "Life Is a Game of Checkers," assisted by Messrs. Frank Brown, Leon Mitchell, Robert Young, Will Phelps and our basso profondo, Frank Delyons.

The Cole & Johnson "Gibson Girls" are Misses Bessie Tribble, Mayme Butler, Lula Coleman, Blanche Deas, Bessie Simms and Tillie Smith. They are the happiest bunch you ever saw. To know that they are the only colored Gibson girls.

The banjo girls are always merrymakers. They are Misses Marie Young, Pauline Hackley, Marie Lucas, Zennie Hunter, Mattie Harris and Rio Dells.

Miss Abbie Mitchell, who is playing the part of "Minnehaha" so successfully, has won many friends both white and colored through her skilful work.

Arthur Talbot deserves all the credit that could be given him, as he plays his part great as "Chief John Lowdog," and it could not be played any better by a real Indian chief.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, who plays the part of "Chief John Lowdog's" wife, plays the part with much feeling and expression.

Mrs. Mollie Dill is giving the part Amanda Gibson" in a pleasing way and Henry Gant plays the part of "Bill Gibson, a saloon keeper, her husband in a very creditable manner.

Wesley Jenkins, who is playing the part of "Bill Armone," the butcher of Swamptown, is still on the job.

Mrs. Anna Cook Pankey closed with Cole & Johnson owing to bad health and has gone to Jacksonville, Fla., to spend the season with her mother and friends.

Miss Belle Morgan, the clever wardrobe mistress of Cole & Johnson's company, is still holding her own with her needle and thread in hand in case of any accident.

THE PROFESSION AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Buddie Glenn of the Exchange Garden Theatre, one of the old original comedians, is still at that theatre scoring big hits with his new "Turkey Flesh" song and "Somebody Lied." He would like to hear from S. H. Dudley and Jakie Smith. Riah joins him in sending regards to all friends.

Vergie Deor is scoring big hits every night singing "Mandy Lane" and "You're in the Right Church but in the Wrong Pew." Would like to hear from Pearl Woods, Mabel Johnson and Vida Devine; also regards to all friends.

Miss Beulah Henderson is taking encores every night singing her beautiful song "Once in a While." She sends regards to all friends.

Miss Gertrude Williams is cleaning up singing "Baby Doll."

Prof. J. M. Robinson, director, sends regards to all friends.

John C. Weekley, successful, polite and attentive to all patrons, has just closed a successful engagement with the Mullis Whiskey Company and has opened a saloon at 120 Bridge street, where he hopes to meet his many friends who visit the Flowery City. Would like to hear from all friends.

The People's Drug Store next door is doing fine and solicits all the patrons to call and see them for drugs and toilet articles.

Frank Crowd's popular and only colored moving picture theatre in the city, is doing fine, and he sincerely hopes for the patronage of those lovers of good, high-class moving pictures. Regards to all friends.

Perkins and Perkins are at the Palace Theatre and everybody knows it. Perkins' big opening chorus and acts are making a hit for the Palace that will be olng remembered. Mrs. Perkins is "mopping up" with "Down in Jungle Town" and "Baby Doll." Regards to the profession.

A HINT TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.

One hundred pounds of white granulated sugar, $1.75; one pound Royal baking powder, 22 cents; five packages Uneeda biscuits, 12 cents; $3.00 shoes for men and womne, 98 cents. For further information write George Slaughter or Clarence Tipton, manager's office, 1024 W. Walnut street, Louisville, Ky. You will also find The Freeman on sale here at all times. We also handle business and calling cards at reasonable prices.

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COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE.

Angeline Brooks, vs. Geo. W. Brooks. } State of Indiana, Marion County, ss: in the Superior Court of Marion County, In the State of Indiana, No. 77,491.

Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 8th day of Dec., 1908, the above named plaintiff by her attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion Court, in the State of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant, George W. Brooks and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk s office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, George W. Brooks, is not a resident of the state of Indiana, and said cause is for divorce, and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 5th day of February, 1909.

NOW THEREFORE, by order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him, and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 5th day of February, 1909, the same being the 5th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in February, 1909, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence. LEONARD M. QUILL, Clerk.

J. H. LOTT, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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MARIE YOUNG
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ANDREW TRIBBLE
BENNY JONES
DAISY BROWN
MARIE LUCAS
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SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON.

Christmas vs. the Cynic.

Christmas comes but once a year,
Do not make a jest of it;
'Tis a season of good cheer,
Cynics spoil the zest of it.
Now a respite, brief repose,
Let us make the best of it;
Drown our many weary woes;
Christmas, we are blest of it.

Christmas comes but once a year,
Children love the zest of it;
Now a message glad we hear,
Hearken to behest of it:
Just good-will and wishes kind,
And your love, the best of it.
If we're poor—well, never mind;
Laugh we will and jest of it.

Christmas comes but once a year,
Money's not the test of it.
Hearts alone can help and cheer,
Christ has made the best of it.
Whatsoever may befall,
Sorrows or the rest of it,
Merry Christmas comes to all,
Even those who jest of it.

—*Walter Beverley Crane.*

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A Merry Christmas to all!

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The Hon. Harry C. Smith will never make his living as a prophet.

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A well-placed compliment, even if verging on flattery, is better than a "knock."

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As a diplomat Minister "Furniss" is a "warm member."

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Christmas presents, large or small, will reach us safely if sent in care of THE FREEMAN.

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Of course Mr. William Loeb Jr. goes into the Cabinet of President Taft. It is written in the stars.

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Some one has noticed that campaign money gets away from a fellow faster than any other kind.

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It will pay a fellow to "pass up" the silly girl who values a Christmas gift by the size of the price-tag.

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Don't allow a bland enemy to put you against the friend who has given positive evidence of his friendship.

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The latest authorities on fashions say the "mitt" is to be worn extensively during the remainder of the year.

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The tariff will be revised on protective lines, but the revision will be a genuine one—just alike to producer and consumer.

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The veteran quill-driver, T. Thomas Fortune, was fortunate enough to pick one winning Presidential ticket, anyhow.

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The welfare of the innocent will be promoted by the discovery of the guilty. That is the Brownsville case in a nutshell.

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Editor George L. Knox, by herculean effort, is concealing his regret over the retirement of Congressman Jesse Overstreet.

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Will some one please send us, through THE FREEMAN, the present address of Granville T. Woods, the celebrated electrician?

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The patriots who wish to be named as the American minister to Hayti are vigorously opposed to the annexation of the black republic by this country.

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If you have any friends in the national capital, prepare to cultivate them now and "get next" to an invitation to visit them in March. The inauguration comes on apace.

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We believe a tried and true friend should be trusted, no matter what designing enemies may do or say to shake your confidence in his sincerity or integrity.

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The great commonwealth of Tennessee presents her illustrious son, J. C. Napier, for federal recognition. This claim of the New South will not and can not be justly overlooked.

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The widest breach between friends can be bridged by mutual explanations. It is up to the smooth liar to keep them apart if he would avoid being caught red-handed in his villainy.

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The Knox family is to be represented in the Taft Cabinet, if current rumors are true. Blood will tell, whether the individual runs the greatest national newspaper or negotiates the treaties of the greatest government on earth.

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If the church buildings of the A. M. E. connection are to measure up to the dignity the world has a right to expect, the bishops, presiding elders and ministers should consult the church's talented supervising architect, John A. Lankford.

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The "prosperous Portsmouth, Virginia, physician," whom President Roosevelt so warmly praised for his generous gift to the colored Y. M. C. A. movement, turned out to be Dr. J. J. France, "one of the finest ever."

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The Negro doll is the "hit" of the season. It comes at the psychological moment and fills a long-felt want. The Negro child and the Negro doll fit each other like tongue and groove. Drop a line to "Dorothy" of THE FREEMAN and secure one for the baby's Christmas gift.

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A visit to Wilberforce University, since the advent of President W. S. Scarborough, is an inspiration to the practical education of the race's head, hand and heart. Old Wilberforce, with new methods of realizing her time-honored traditions, is rapidly coming into her own.

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Tuskegee Institute's tuberculosis congress was a glittering success in every particular. The strong impulse for healthful conditions in the Southland, generated by the graphic pictures painted of the ravages of the "white plague," will be permanent and productive of great good to our people.

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Interest in the work of the colored branches of the Young Men's Christian Association has been stimulated everywhere by President Roosevelt's practical and timely speech at the cornerstone laying of the Washington branch on Thanksgiving day.

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If qualified suffrage is to obtain here and there, it is up to the unlearned and poor to get intelligence and property, and at the same time insist that all races be treated alike in the exclusion process. A premium on education, thrift and the accumulation of this world's goods will do no one any harm, if the game is played on the level.

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Brother J. H. Murphy of the Baltimore *Afro-American Ledger* has made up his mind that Judge Taft isn't nearly so dangerous as he thought he would be, and is praising the President-elect's speeches and pronunciamentoes with a heartiness and sincerity that no original Taftite could outdo. Brother Murphy, like Saul of old, has seen a great light.

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Judge Taft gives positive indication that he intends to be the President of the whole people. He has forgiven everybody for all the things they tried to do to him. Even Samuel Gompers, Dubois, Corrothers, William Monroe Trotter and Sumner H. Lark have a chance to enter the "Promised Land" if they will only be good from now on.

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Miss Grace Louise Majors, the brilliant daughter of Dr. M. A. Majors, the brilliant editor of the Chicago *Conservator*, is to be married on the 28th to Prof. Boswell, who must also be brilliant to have succeeded in contracting such a brilliant alliance. Congratulations of the most illuminating character are herewith extended to all concerned.

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Alabama is the only State in the Union whose Legislature meets every four years. At the last election the people voted down a constitutional amendment to provide for biennial sessions. In this the Alabamians were wise. The Legislature would have still less opportunity to do mischief if the interim between sessions could be lengthened to six years.

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The Afro-American Ananias Club does not begin to show the growth exhibited by its Caucasion rival. Bryan failed to give Bishop Walters credentials that would stick. DuBois left before the roll was fully made up. Dr. Waldron's record was too indefinite to give him the necessary "class" demanded of a charter member. This leaves Dr. S. L. Corrothers in undisputed possession of the colored end of this famous organization, with a deed signed, sealed and delivered by Judge Taft himself.

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Mound Bayou's prosperity does not prove that "colonization" is the solution of the race problem. It demonstrates that the thrifty and industrious and intelligent Negro can "do things" and get results, the same as any other people, if he takes advantage of the resources at his command. That is what President Roosevelt had in mind when he praised the work of Charles Banks and the Mississippi Negro Business League in his Thanksgiving day address.

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The attention of the Boston *Guardian* is respectfully called to the following statement made by Mr. Taft in his recent speech in New York before the North Carolina Society: The proposal to repeal the Fifteenth Amendment is utterly impracticable and should be relegated to the limbo of forgotten issues. What we are considering is something practical, something that means attainable progress." Wake up, Brother Trotter; wake up! Let's go forward with the new order of things.

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A white bandmaster in a Negro regiment is an anachronism. The bands of the Twenty-fourth Infantry and Ninth and Tenth Cavalry should be led by colored chief musicians. Elbert Williams, leader of the Twenty-fifth, has demonstrated the superior advantage to be derived from having our bands in charge of a sympathetic associate rather than an alien "boss." The President has given the necessary order and there should be no difficulty in "rounding up" capable colored musicians for the places to be filled.

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Andrew Carnegie has tendered Howard University $50,000 for an adequate library building, on condition that the school raises an endowment fund of $50,000 with which to maintain it. In every section of the land there are graduates of Howard's collegiate, law and medical departments. These progressive and resourceful young men could—and should—form subscription centers in the principal cities and raise this comparatively small amount inside of six months. Howard University is a national institution and richly merits all that the race can do to enlarge its scope of usefulness.

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Now that Booker T. Washington has educated the country up to the value of industrial training, the dignity of labor and the fundamental quality of the farm, he is having the job of his life to keep the white folks from taking his idea clear away from him. The best schools, colleges and institutions of every section of the country are emphasizing the importance of knowing how to work with the hands and that the final mission of education is service rather than adornment. The world has imbibed wisdom from the race it has affected to despise. Verily, "the rejected stone has become the head of the corner."

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We take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a striking photographic likeness of Cary B. Lewis, the brilliant young newspaper man of Kentucky, who is earning deserved fame as a full-fledged reporter on Henry Watterson's luminous *Courier-Journal* and Haldeman's sparkling *Evening Times* in Louisville, and whose interesting letters are materially increasing the widespread popularity of THE FREEMAN throughout the country. He has also made arrangements with the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, the news focus of the Middle West, and is well on the road to a permanent franchise on the National Associated Press. Mr. Lewis' handsome countenance is a welcome addition to our gallery of celebrities.

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Former Register Judson W. Lyons stood loyally by Senator Foraker, when his personal interests would have best been subserved by deserting the standard of the fighting Ohioan. Through his sturdy generalship Foraker received one-half of the total vote polled for him, and one other vote was controlled for Vice-President Fairbanks by the Lyons combination. Yet Mr. Lyons was among the first to acquiesce in the nomination of Judge Taft after the Chicago convention and no one gave the national ticket any stronger or more effective support than did Mr. Lyons throughout the campaign. His work in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky was highly commended by the national chairman and the head of the speaker's bureau. Mr. Lyons will not be passed by when the official pie is cut. Georgia will stand by him, and the country at large will say "Amen."

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The observant Charles Banks, Mound Bayou's most enterprising citizen and banker, cotton grower and mill operator, takes a most timely rap at the craze to which too many of our people are addicted—that of paying unnecessary visits to the places they moved from a year or so ago, presumably to show off their clothes, etc., throwing away money that is needed for the winter that is sure to catch them unprepared. Mr. Banks advises his farmer friends to husband their resources, invest their surplus funds in land, then more land; to get hold of better homes for their families, buy improved farm machinery and implements, purchase finer grades of stock and provide for longer school terms for the children—"cutting out" the foolish, wasteful and wholly uncalled for excursion and visiting habit. President Roosevelt, in his splendid Y. M. C. A. address at Washington on Thanksgiving day, heartily endorsed the counsel of Mr. Banks, pronouncing it to be the highest wisdom and declared it to be good advice for other people as well as farmers.

Any girl can easily secure a beautiful Negro doll by writing Dorothy.

MARION, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Francis Simpson of Indianapolis is in the city visiting Mrs. Mary Blakey. ...Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Nickles of South Gallatin celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their residence Monday, December 7...Miss Clara Gill, who has been here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Seymour Shroud, of Troy, O., for several months, is in the city the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gill...Mrs. Emily Frazier, who has been sick, is able to be out again...The announcement of the wedding of Miss Dixon, daughter of Mrs. Susan Dixon of West Wade street, to William Gulliford of Weaver came as a great surprise to their many friends. The wedding took place Thanksgiving; Rev. Jeremiah Shoecraft of Weaver, an uncle of the bridegroom, performed the ceremony. Both parties are well known. Mr. Gulliford is a prosperous farmer of Weaver...Mrs. Carrie Locklin and Mr. Warfield of Indianapolis were the guests of relatives and friends Sunday...Little Elizabeth Gulliford is on the sick list... One of the grandest social functions ever given by the colored society of this city was the banquet given in the parlor of the Odd Fellows' hall Thursday night in honor of the ladies of the Eurydice and their husbands...Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Thursday afternoon and evening. They received many beautiful presents...Mrs. Cheka Frazier of South Marion is very sick and her husband, who is employed in Seattle, Wash., is expected home soon.

FLINT, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Fannie Jenkins is confined to her home with a sprained ankle...Mrs. Mary V. Jones and G. U. Martin are on the sick list...Miss Nellie Walker has returned home from Lansing...Rev. Lyons expects to spend Christmas with his children in Mason, Mich...Mr. and Mrs. Starks of Ypsilanti are in the city and will remain for a while...Jerome Wright has returned from a hunting trip up in the North. He was successful in killing one deer...Mrs. J. O. Linney gave a four course 5 o'clock tea recently in honor of Miss Ida Allen of Howell and Mike Allen of Cadillac, who were the guests of Miss Martha Bailey. Covers were laid for ten...Mrs. R. Bailey entertained Sunday at dinner in honor of Miss Allen and Mike Allen. Covers were laid for fourteen.

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Hotel Notes.

By W. FORREST COZART.

The annual advent of the Dies Natalis, or, to use the more ordinary term, Christmas day, brings the joyous festivities of Yuletide. To the children who have had the myth of Santa Claus instilled in their ultra excited minds, the coming of Christmas is enveloped into dreams of anticipation made up of stuffed stockings with candies, toys, dolls, etc. To the youths who are just budding into manhood and womanhood it is a mixture of seriousness and revelry. To the aged and tottering, whose locks have been whitened by the snows of many winters, and who are rapidly approaching the evening of life, Christmas day suggests something more important than revelry. It is a reminder of that night when Jesus Christ, the Son of the Virgin Mary, was born in Bethlehem. The night that the star which guided the wise men of the East burst forth and cast its bright rays from behind the vine-clad hills of Judea and made its way to and stood above the ox manger where Christ, our Savior, was meekly ushered into this world. Christmas day has been celebrated for many centuries, and the present custom of decorations may be found in the Scripture of Isaiah, which reads: "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fig tree, the pine tree, and box together to beautify the place of my sanctuary."

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The Waiters' and Cooks' Alliance, Local No. 261, of Louisville, Ky., with headquarters at 420 Fifth street, is still doing business to their delight. Recently they served a number of swell banquets at the New Seelbach Hotel and Galt House, and we hope the good work will continue. The following members have returned from West Baden Springs recently: Bros. Sam Gerring, Frank Harrold, Sam Dickerson, John Glenn and Albert Polk. The Freeman is on sale at their headquarters. Chas. W. Watts is business agent.

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A Texas Representative has introduced a bill in Congress providing that the next census make a special report on mixed marriages in this country. The Representative also took the opportunity to express himself very freely on the subject of any white woman who would marry a "nigger." As he seems rather sensitive along this line, we fear that if his bill becomes a law and is put into operation, the result will be so shocking to his nerves that he may have to call in a physician to treat him for nervous prostration and weak heart, for Chicago alone has over 300 Negroes with white wives.

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President Roosevelt in his star act, jumping from limb to limb on the discharged soldier question, is out with a new proposition, which is even worse than the first one. The President realizes that he has made an error, and it is too bad that a man as great as Roosevelt is not great enough to right this wrong. In a message to Congress he admits that he has used all the machinery of the Government and several special agents, detectives and what nots, and had operated in thirty States in the past two years trying to secure evidence to convict the soldiers, but had failed to do so. But the President discharged the soldiers two years ago before he even investigated the charges properly. This act was a high-handed proceeding, a gross wrong, and contrary to the customs and laws of our Government. But the President has been encouraged by weak-kneed Negroes who have sacrificed manhood rights for office or favor, for friends, etc. The editor stands now where he stood when he wrote the President November 15, 1906.

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W. H. Ellis, who has figured in several sensational escapades, first as a promoter in colonizing Mexico with Negroes from all parts of the South, for which it is said the Mexican Government paid $1 a head for the several thousand Negroes thus imported. Previous to the above incident, Mr. Ellis resided with his parents, sisters and brothers at San Antonio, Tex., and for many years was known as a colored man. Having learned the Spanish language, he went to New York, where he became known as a Cuban "gentleman of leisure." He next turned up in Abyssinia and did much hobnobing with Kink Menelik, returning to this country to float several schemes. Ellis then returned to Europe and while in London was delegated by the State Department at Washington to carry the treaty between this country and Abyssinia to Kink Menelik, as Special Ambassador Loomis had mysteriously disappeared while en route from New York to London. Mr. Ellis carried out the instructions of the State Department with satisfaction and further enjoyed the social friendship of the great Negusti. Now Mr. Ellis is in Mexico again, where he is organizing a company to develop the rubber industry.

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The following toast was given by Chas. W. Watts, business agent of the Waiters' and Cooks' Alliance, Local No. 261, of Louisville, Ky., at Castle Inn Hall, where officers for the ensuing year were elected October 9:

Here's luck to green button boys,
Organized in 1901;
Here's luck to Waiters' and Cooks' Alliance,
Local 261.

May she continue to grow
In old Kentucky State,
And her men be in demand
So they will never have to wait.

We started here in Louisville,
And here let us stay;
Be sure we represent our craft,
The H. R. E. I. A.

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Henry Pinckney, steward of the White House, Washington, D. C., has been a very busy man during the holidays, as it is the duty of the steward to purchase every article that goes into either the store room or kitchen of the White House. Mr. Pinckney visits the markets daily in a covered spring wagon, which is painted black without any lettering. He pays cash for every article purchased, carrying that which is convenient and having others sent. He also buys all the groceries, mostly by wholesale, and usually keeps his storeroom supplied to last at least one or two months in case of an emergency. One of the conditions he makes with all whom he deals with is that no advertising or publicity is to be made that said firm furnishes so and so to the White House, and all goods must be sent in plain boxes so that it will neither show what the contents are nor who sent it. The position of steward at the White House is a very important one and one of trust. Mr. Pinckney, like his predecessors, is a colored man and receives the munificent salary of $1,800 per year. It is said that he is one of the most proficient stewards that ever had charge of the White House kitchen—at least he suits Mrs. Roosevelt, and she is very particular. Mr. Pinckney filled a similar position for Mr. Roosevelt when the latter was Governor of New York, and as soon as Mr. Roosevelt entered the White House he employed Mr. Pinckney as his steward. It is the duty of the steward to keep all silverware and decorations intact and have them ready for use at any time. He also keeps the books of his department and accounts for every cent paid out by him, which amounts to thousands of dollars weekly. He also has charge of a regular working force of about fifty employes, several of whom are white. By the direction of President Roosevelt, Mr. Pinckney on each holiday purchases enough turkeys so one can be given to each employe who has a family, for a Christmas dinner.

CORAOPOLIS, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. V. L. Stout of the A. M. E. Zion Church preached a wonderful sermon Sunday evening, after which two people joined the church...Rev. Tibbs of the Mt. Olive Church selected as his text last Sunday morning the first and second verses of the sixth chapter of Isaiah, and in the afternoon he preached a wonderful sermon at the New Hope Baptist Church. ...Rev. Saunders of the New Hope Baptist Church preached a splendid sermon Sunday morning...Emmett Smith was visiting his sister of Knoxville, Pa., last Saturday...On account of the continued illness of Mrs. Chas. Jenkins' father, Charlie Jenkins Jr. will not be able to spend the holidays with his parents... Mrs. Thomas Park left Sunday morning in company with her aunt to visit in Ohio...W. M. Wheeler continues very ill. ...W. E. Reed and Linwood Temer were guests of Mrs. Jno. Temer December 13. ...The Jones and Glenn fast baseball team appears to have made a big pickup in securing Percy Smith of Uniontown as a pitcher for the season of 1909. He is said to have a marvelous control of the ball, is cool headed and a good general. ...One of the social events of the past week was the marriage of Miss Carrie E. Cook to Clarence T. Morris, who were united in marriage by Rev. R. H. Bumby of Allen Chapel, A. M. E. Church, North Side. The decorations were pink and white and there were covers laid for thirty...On Thursday evening, December 24, at the New Hope Baptist Church a concert and contanta entitled "Santa Claus" will be rendered under the direction of Miss Ethel Brown. The little people have been rehearsing zealously and will furnish an evening of rare amusement to all who attend...At New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday, December 13, Rev. J. L. Saunders, pastor, preached a soul-stirring sermon at 11 a. m., and at 3 p. m. Rev. Tibbs, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, preached to a large congregation...John Ed Craighead of Beasee is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Scott...Miss Cornelia Boyd of Highland avenue spent Thursday and Friday visiting her aunt at West End, Pittsburg... John Campbell of Youngstown, O., spent several days in town visiting friends, after which he left for Pittsburg, where he will remain indefinitely...The colored people of this place have opened a first-class grocery store...Edward Holland and sister Catherine left Wednesday for Pinehurst, N. C., to spend the winter, and Mrs. E. Holland left the same day for Burkettsville, Md...Levi Elliott of Sewickley, Pa., was visiting in town Sunday. ...Mrs. Clara Coleman of Arthur street was the victim of a well-planned surprise party which invaded her home on Thursday. It is needless to add that it was a joyous occasion. There were fully forty-five ladies and gentlemen present...Subscribe for The Freeman; $1 until January 1; 52 copies. For sale by Mrs. Jos. Ferrell, 802 First avenue...Rev. Thomas H. Wrenn, a newly ordained deacon of New Hope Baptist Church, preached on Sunday evening to a large congregation. ...Miss Blanche McPhail spent Sunday visiting friends and relatives in Charleo. ...Miss Annie J. Mazors of Thornburg, Pa., was visiting friends in town on Sunday...Mrs. Hattie Winston, who has been quite sick, is convalescing...John W. Bomonan and his sons, Rush and Charles, spent Sunday visiting friends in Charleo...Miss Susie A. Newby of Sewickley was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Newby of Vine street Sunday. ...Miss Leora Lee of Thornburg was visiting friends in town Sunday...D. Philip Dorsey spent Thursday visiting friends and relatives in Pittsburg...Miss Laura Jenkins was entertained very royally at the home of Mrs. John Temer...Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dickerson and daughter spent the day with Mrs. James Hall...Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Boyd entertained the Willing Workers December 14...Raymond R. Pushy of 68 McKnight street, and W. E. Pitts were entertained by Lovell Jenkins Saturday last and also a number of others...Mrs. J. J. Flood entertained a few friends Thursday last, and among those present were Mrs. V. L. Stout, Mrs. Harriett Calhoun, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. James Farrel. Rev. V. L. Stout suggested that a married ladies' benevolent club be organized, and Mrs. James Ferrell was chosen present, Mrs. J. J. Flood secretary, and Mrs. Anderson treasurer...The Literary o fthe A. M. E. Zion Church continues to grow. Those on the program at the last meeting were: Carl Quarrells, solo; Mrs. Rebecca Gordon and Carrie Gordon, duet; Mrs. J. J. Flood, solo; John Brown, solo; debate, "Resolved, That the Negro Must Come North to Be Protected"; nine points in favor of the affirmative. The debators were Emmett Smith, Carl Quarrells, Mr. Rucker, and Mr. Stout. The subject for next Friday night is "Which Is of the Most Benefit to the Negro Race, Education or Money?"...The band organized will soon be playing on the corners. F. Goode is president; Jos. Ferrell, vice president; Howard Smith, treasurer, and Langon Swan, secretary...Arvella Freeman was very sorry to see her mother leave after spending a very pleasant week with her. Come again, mother.

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OPTICAL WORKER COMMITS SUICIDE.

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NEW ORLEANS, La.—Charles Llopis, an optical worker employed at Claudel's optical establishment, took his own life last week at his home in North Roman street. Ill health is supposed to have been the cause. He leaves a widow and seven children.

Mr. Claudel, when he learned of the suicide, said that Llopis had been with him for eighteen years, having worked his way up from porter to first workman in the shop.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Harris of the sanitarium left last Sunday to spend the holidays in Chicago. ...Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cross, a thirteen-pound baby girl, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1908...Mrs. Skelton of Finley, Ohio, is visiting her daughter Mrs. Lannie Farmer...Rev. Allen of Detroit will preach at the A. M. E. Church Sunday...Messrs. Horace Cross and George Gough of Kalamazoo spent Sunday in the city...The "Old Maid's Wooing," given by the Young Ladies' Embroidery Club Thursday, Dec. 10, was a grand success. A large crowd from Kalamazoo was present. Mrs. Lillian Crughton won the hearty applause of the audience in her character of Sally Ann, the old maid...Miss Mabelle Skenit left for the West Indies Tuesday, Dec. 11...Miss Mina Evans entertained Walter Collins of Lansing Sunday...Wallie Robbins left for Chatham, Canada, Wednesday morning, called there by the illness of his father.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

War is on against tuberculosis in our city and the health committee is very busy instructing the citizens how to avoid this disease...Prof. Henry Merritt of our city public schools, delivered an excellent lecture at St. Paul A. M. E. Church on the 13th. His subject was "Health."... A swell wedding took place on the 10th. The contracting parties were Miss Elizabeth Dean of Tenth street and Wm. Nubie of the same street...Miss Dean is a member of one of the best families of Clarksville and a society favorite. Mr. Nubie is the reliable porter at the L. & N. passenger depot and a very industrious young man...D. Johnson of this city died in Chicago on the 10th, where he had been employed. His remains were sent here for interemnt and arrived on the 13th...Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mell Hutchinson on College street, a fine boy... Subscribe for The Freeman today and save money. J. P. Steele, agent, P. O. Box 175.

BURLINGTON, IA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Rev. H. C. Thomas of Chicago, the pastor of the A. M. E. Church, is visiting his family in Chicago...The Young Men's Club met Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by President J. C. Clibun. He had with him Rev. M. W. Lewis and Rev. J. W. McCumes, both white ministers, who gave the young men some good advice and prayed for the upbuilding of the race... The Young Ladies' Club did fine last Thursday night with their entertainment.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Lone Pine school is in good shape and Miss Alice Hudson of Waco is the teacher this year. The enrollment numbers forty scholars. The school is three miles from Mineola on the land that Nathan Duncan once owned.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Law and Order League, organized here in September, has for its purpose the uplifting of the people along all lines, and discourages vice and licentiousness among our people. This is what we need. We need advice as to how we should conduct ourselves on the streets and in public places, and especially in common carriers. This talk of "We will not tolerate 'Jim Crow' cars here," etc., is all "bosh" unless we so act and so conduct ourselves as to not cause a sentiment to be created here for them. If we allow our boys and girls, and even ourselves, not to keep ourselves decent and respectable, avoid boisterousness and vulgarity, there will never be any likelihood of those "black codes" becoming effective, *and vice versa*. Colored people are taught and urged by the league to have and use a higher and better respect for their own women who deserve it. Its purpose, too, is to discourage and prevent, if possible, the debauchery of our girls and women by white men, and to socially ostracize those of our race who will sell their reputation and lower the standard of the race by voluntarily submitting to enticements of the other race.

The time has come for us to strive to make our own social status purer and more sacred, and we should draw a line and not allow our wives and daughters to attend these frivolous dances and other questionable resorts where people have no regard for one another. We have a right to do so, and if the other fellow does not care to come up to some required standard of respectability and ethical code, you do not need to allow them to drag you down to their depraved level. So we should draw a social line and give no heed to scorners. Let us all go up and not down, simply appeasing your conscience by saying "We are all colored." Yes, but all do not propose to be thugs and moral lepers.

The league endorses men for saloon licenses only who promise to conduct their saloons under certain prescribed laws; the league's assent or dissent is not binding or commendatory; we only recommend them to the authorities as, in our opinion, being morally fit, etc. The logical conclusion is that when such men as we recommend fail to live up to the promise under which we granted our approval, it is our duty to recommend that his license be revoked; but, as stated above, our recommendation is neither binding nor commendatory.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Editor of THE FREEMAN:

Mrs. Carrie Williams of South West street, who has been ill, is able to be about...Mr. and Mrs. Ellen Coen are now living on South Fayette street... Mrs. Essie Branum of Sinclair, Ill., is improving from her illness...Oliver Brown was on the sick list last week...Henry Davis has a position at Thomas' cafe... John Strong of Missouri is visiting his cousin, Mrs. Fanny Strong, of South Mauraisterre street...Word was received recently of the serious illness of Mr. Dilliard of Louisiana, Mo. He is the father of Mrs. W. M. Rhodes...Peter Grant, who has been ill, is some better at this writing...The Mallory Brothers vaudeville and concert company played at the Bijou Theatre during the week of Dec. 7 to Dec. 12. Each member is an artist and the company is composed of the Mallory brothers, Mazie Brooks, William Cooper, Mrs. Ida McCree, Frank Baker and little Gladys and Ora Mallory.

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Yours truly,
Box 203. CARL BASS.

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Respectfully yours,
Box 127. J. H. WASHINGTON.

Farmers Branch, Tex., Dec. 3, 1908.
Mr. George L. Knox,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Sir—I take the occasion to express my opinion of The Freeman as a newspaper. It is very interesting and instructive to me. The timely topics which it contains, touching upon points of vital interest to the Negro race, should be read by every Negro in the land.

Find enclosed $1 to continue The Freeman to me at Farmers Branch, Tex.

Yours for success,
A. HAMPTON.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1908.
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Yours,
CHAS. DORSEY.
273 Brier St.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 10, 1908.
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Dear Sir—Enclosed please find $1, subscription to The Freeman, according to the reduction. Please send to

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Gentlemen—Please find enclosed one dollar, for which please send me your paper for one year to the following address.

SAMUEL C. HODGES,
213 W. Elm St., Goldsboro, N. C.

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Dec. 14, 1908.
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Gentlemen—Please find enclosed one dollar, for which please send your paper for one year to the following address and oblige.

W. R. RUSSELL,
R. F. D. No. 2, Box No. 6, Norlina, N.C.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 7, 1908.
The Freeman Publishing Company,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Knox, Dear Sir—Send me The Freeman for one year. Thank you for last week's paper. The Freeman always looks good to me.

T. H. GLEAVER.

Evans, Ia., Dec. 12, 1908.
The Freeman Publishing Company,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir—You will find enclosed $1 for The Freeman. I think it is a grand opportunity, and think your paper is well worth $1.50 a year, but as you have given reduced rates I send in my subscription. May the Master above bless you.

Yours truly,
J. H. WILLIAMS.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17, 1908.
The Freeman Publishing Company,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mr. Knox—I received your letter and was more than glad to hear from you all. About the subscription rate, I was just thinking of writing you about it. So enclosed you will find $1 for my next year's subscription. I still remain your subscriber.

Respectfully,
WM. H. COUSINS.

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JOSEPH HATCHETT, S. G. C.,
Headquarters of the Western Beauty Supreme Grand Union Lock Lodge No. 1,
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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SPORTING WORLD SCRAPS.

BY HARRY W. JACKSON.

The McFarland-Erne bout is off.

Jem Driscoll is creating much favor.

"Bat" Nelson has never been knocked out.

Walcott's age is telling on him. Joe is getting fat and slow.

Al Herford gave Gans his first chance to appear before the public.

Peter Maher's not down and out, after all. Bob Evans knows that.

Joe Woodman expects great things of Sam Langford in the future.

Frank Erne, the retired ex-lightweight, has a Frenchman for the boys.

Walter Camp gives only one Western man a place on his all-American football team.

The fight for Sunday baseball will be the sporting feature of the Legislature of Indiana.

Freddie Welsh's professional services are now in big demand in his own country, Wales.

Hugo Kelly gets the sympathy of the banana boys whenever he steps into the ring. Hugo is an Italian.

George Edward (Rube) Waddell, St. Louis Brown's star tosser, fractured two of his ribs by a fall downstairs.

"Sky Jim" Fox, former Atlanta first sacker, signed recently with the Columbus (Ga.) South Atlantic League Club.

Battling Nelson is backing a book at the Emeryvill race track at Oakland. It is called the "Oak Club," and is said to be a winner.

They both kill—football and boxing. James Curren's battle with Ben Barnett proved fatal for Curren in their amateur bout at "Philly."

A young man that is an old man—Joe Gans. Although Joe is but thirty-three years of age, he is considered an old man in the pugilistic world.

Jack Morgan, the Indianapolis fighter, took a right to the neck and the floor in his fight with Billy Griffin at Cincinnati. And 'twas in the thirteenth.

As a result of a successful Marathon run on Thanksgiving Day, the Mercury Athletic Club of Yonkers, N. Y., is arranging for another run on January 1.

Roger Bresnahan, the New York Giant, who is to manage the St. Louis Cardinals next season, will at once secure several new stars for the pitching department.

Stanley Ketchell says he positively refuses to box a Negro. What's he going to do, retire? The only man in his class is Sam Langford, and we are sure he's a Negro.

Another new boxing club has been formed in New Orleans, La., for the purpose of holding fistic battles. It is named Royal A. C., and has a seating capacity of 2,500.

"Kid" Garrett, the Southern bantam champ, has returned to New Orleans and is prepared to meet any boy in the country at 110 pounds. Garrett is particularly anxious to meet "Kid" Greaves.

Joe Gans is said to have posted $1,000 for a bout with Packey McFarland. Packey had a pipe with Young Erne, but Gans, going six rounds with the white boy, may do some damage to McFarland's championship aspirations.

Jimmy Britt, the California lightweight, has been matched to fight a twenty-round battle with Adolphe, the French champion, in Paris, on January 9. They will fight for a purse of 30,000 francs, 75 per cent. to go to the winner.

Jim Jeffries is going to increase the rounds in the feature bouts of his club from twenty-five to forty-five, and Barry and Kaufman are the first ones to be matched for the longer distance. This pair will meet on December 31.

Alfred Shrubb and Thomas Longboat are matched to run a Marathon race at Madison Square Garden on the evening of either January 8 or 9. The usual conditions will prevail, the men to cover 26 miles and 385 yards.

To see Joe Walcott practically knocked out with only eight seconds to go in the final round was what the members witnessed in the bout between Walcott and Larry Temple. It was one of the few times in Walcott's career that he has been considered knocked out.

Joe Rickert's hitting makes him one of the surest members of the 1909 Pelican outfield in the world. Bris Lord and Dexter go to Cleveland and Manning has been retired. The probability of Roy Montgomery returning here for an outfield job is slim.

Preliminary arrangements for the twenty-round scientific boxing contest between Marvin Hart, of Louisville, and Mike Schreck, of Cincinnati, which is to take place in the Lexington Opera House New Year's Eve, are now completed. The contest will take place at Lexington, Ky.

Nelson believes that Freddy Welsh is more of an easy picking than Packey McFarland, and, of course, "Bat" wouldn't object to being matched with Welsh. By the way, he says he prefers the easiest fellow—the easier they are the better "Bat" likes 'em.

Jimmy Britt is sure of winning over John Summers in their bout in London. Jim says he'll teach Summers a few technics on the fistic game, and then make him take the count before the limit of the mill. Britt cant' tell a lie. They fight on Washington's birthday. He'll do it with his little right.

Opinion seems about evenly divided as to the merits of Referee Jim Jeffries's draw in the battle between Hugo Kelly and Billy Papke. Fully half of the 4,000 spectators seemed to consider Kelly the better man of the two, despite the fact that he was floored in the fourth round by one of Papke's fierce right uppers.

Billy Delaney, well known in pugilistic circles, and now manager of Al Kaufman, has written John Bellis here that he would bring Al to New Orleans if a good match could be arranged for the clever middleweight. Kaufman fights Jim Barry on December 30 before the Jim Jeffries Athletic Club in Frisco. Bellis was one of the compatriots of Delaney and other promoters and managers.

Henie Riley, of Baltimore, and Jack Rurane, of Savannah, fought a fifteen-round battle and some more last week, at Savannah, Ga. The decision of the referee was a draw, which was unpopular with the fighters themselves. The fight continued, but the police were referees. Each fighter fought more fiercely in their "sure nuff" scrap than they did in the scheduled fifteen-round bout. Disguised as they were, with black eyes and broken noses, they went to their respective dressing rooms dissatisfied with the referee's decision, but fully pleased with their semi-wind-up.

Here's a good one for a day's training. Try it:

7 a. m.—Arise and rubdown. One mile walk before breakfast.

8 a. m.—Breakfast: grape fruit, sirloin steak, toast and coffee.

9 a. m.—Two mile walk. Rubdown.

10 a. m.—Run from two to four miles. Rubdown.

12:30 p. m.—Dinner: food containing starch.

1:30 p. m.—Four mile walk. Rubdown.

3:30 p. m.—Run of six miles. Rubdown and massage.

6 p. m.—Supper.

Amusement.

9:30 p. m.—Retire.

On first reading the above schedule for a single day, one would think a fellow would not last long taking such hard training, but Longboat, the Indian distance runner, who defeated Dorando, the Italian runner, in their Marathon run, takes it every day.

FROM THE CRESCENT CITY.

Some good boxers are wanted to come down and mix it with some of our localites.

Polo Steele is manager for several fighters.

There are some good heavies waiting here.

Dorsey, featherweight, would like to hear from some good feathers. Dorsey's no easy feather to pick.

The Dewberry Social Club, 1317 Gasquet street, is headquarters for sportsmen.

Joe Green and his manager will be at the Dewberry Club on Friday night to negotiate business with Kid Hughes, the colored middleweight, who put out Christy Williams in one round.

The Independent Social Club sends regards to Davy Smith and Billy Kersands.

Jack Johnson was favorite at the Independent Social Club, of which Will North and Charles Spears are proprietors.

The following gentlemen of Baton Rouge, La., in company with Ben Spears, of the Independent, were in the city: Joe Mack, James Douglass, Pleasant Marshall, Daniel Johnson, Willie Lyman and Charley Grisby.

BASEBALL AMONG THE FAIRER SEX COMING INTO PROMINENCE

Springfield, O., Team—C. L. Mayberry Expects a League to Be Organized.

Efforts are being made to get the fairer sex interested in athletics. This line of pleasure has been practically neglected or overlooked by the women of our race. The men have acquired fame, wealth and health in all lines of the athletic and sporting world. Why not the women? Our neighbors' wives and daughters (white) take interest in athletics, and why not those of our race? Athletics are not copyrighted; they are at the disposal of each and every one. To some degree last summer tennis was taken up by the fair ones o fthis city, and there promises to be more interest manifested in the coming season. A good thing. Push it along. Take up athletics, girls; take physical exercise; get interested in the games of the field, diamond, and in other pastimes of the like. Enjoy life as it is; don't make it what it isn't or what it should not be.

In Springfield, O., there has been organized a baseball team, not composed of the rugged ball players that have monopolized the spherical game, but composed of girls. Nothing better could be done along this line; nothing better could be done to make the game clean sport; nothing better could be done to abolish the physical inability and make healthy our women. Modesty? Well, that has caused the failure of more women than anything else known. Modesty should be possessed, 'tis true, by men as well as by women, but it can be carried to an extreme, as can timidness. Take up the game, girls, in your town. Learn the game of baseball in all of its phases; know it from start to finish.

Louisville should have a girls' baseball team, as she has about the best woman baseball expert in the country in the person of Mrs. Henry Newboy. Every one should take interest and give encouragement to the promotion of girls' baseball teams.

Springfield, O., has organized a baseball team of girls to take the diamond next season, under the leadership of Mrs. Sarah S. Brooker. A number of other Ohio and Indiana cities have fallen in line, several games have been arranged, and it is probable that an Ohio-Indiana League will be formed by May 1, which is the beginning of the baseball season for girls. An effort is also being made by promoters of baseball to form an eight-team league in some of the larger cities, to be known as the Colored American League for Girls. Information regarding same can be had by addressing President C. L. Mayberry, 1712 North Limestone street, Springfield, O., or Manager (Mrs.) Sarah S. Brooker, 813 East Front street, same city.

President C. L. Mayberry, of the Springfield, O., girls' baseball team, is very anxious for the promotion of the new project, and is devoting much time and labor to send it on the road to success. Mr. Mayberry is prompted to have colored girls organized into baseball teams from the fact that he believes colored girls can do, and do just as well, if not better, in some cases, what the white girls can do. He wants to create enough enthusiasm in athletic circles to get on foot a league for girl players for the season of 1909. He has the following to say in reference to colored girls playing baseball:

"I know that you are aware there is but little that the girls of our race can find to do, and I feel that if this project can be made a success, and I am sure it can, it will be opening fields for our girls which have hitherto been totally closed. Why not our girls play baseball as well as the white girls? Why wait until the white girls have worn all of the "new" off, and then start, as we have done in so many other things? I feel that it is high time for us to begin to be original in some things at least, and to start some things ourselves, and not wait until the white man or woman, as the case may be, gets tired and throws it aside, and then we take it up. I believe that if this is encouraged by men of influence and men of means, it will mean worlds to our girls."

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Newboy are training their baseball club for next season. They expect to have a strong club. Mrs. Newboy is an expert at the game, and practices with the club. The club meets every Sunday morning at the residence of Mr. Newboy, who is manager. Mrs. Newboy is secretary. There are very few women, especially colored women, who even understand a game of baseball when they see it played, to say nothing of taking a part in a game. But Mrs. Newboy understands and can play baseball and enjoys the diamond dust. But it is just a question of a few months until women will ask no odds on the game.

BURNS-JOHNSON FIGHT.

To-day, December 26, is the date of the Burns-Johnson fight. It has been many years since the world at large has taken as much interest in a prize fight as in the Burns-Johnson fight. Nevertheless there has been more enthusiasm in this country over a prize fight than there has been over the heavyweight championship contest between Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson. Not since the days of John L., Peter Jackson and George Dixon has pugilistic comment been so extensive. The one thing that seems to attract the American point of view is that there is involved, "Who's the superior, a white or a black man?" This is always in evidence in America when there is competition of any kind between a black man and a white man for highest honors.

WORLD'S CHAMPION.

John Williams Holds Title to Cotton Picking—Hurls Challenge.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—John Williams, of Muskogee, now holds the world's championship of cotton picking, with a record of 914 pounds of cotton picked in one day. Williams made this record while making good a contract to pick six hundred acres of cotton, which was but a cinch for him. Williams has the speed of an engine, the endurance of an ox and is as strong as a lion. With his tough muscles and broad and well-proportioned body, Williams stands a giant in size, and hurls a challenge to any man in the world to beat his record. There are many fast cotton pickers in the Southland, where the snowy fibers grow, that will doubtless take up the challenge, but they'll have to go some to defeat Williams. Though Williams' sport is not recognized as widely as some of our national games and contests, it is one that greatly attracts the cotton manufacturers, growers, dealers and pickers, as well as the sections where cotton is extensively raised. It is considered as ordinary labor to those who are not familiar with the art. "Some folks have strange opinions as to how much cotton they could pick, but I tell you it takes science to be an expert." These are the words of an old retired cotton picker who holds a few records himself in cotton picking.

Williams is making the money—and what's to prohibit him from getting it? Four men would be doing a nice day's work to pick 914 pounds in a day.

"MITCH" TAKES ANOTHER.

Bert Mitchell won the amateur piano contest last week at the Gaiety Theater. Bert took first prize several weeks ago at the Gaiety in a similar contest. Bert is one of the best players in the city, and knows the "ana" when it comes to playing those "lovin' rags."

ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

Sam McVey is Meeting with Success in Paris, France.

For two years pugilism has been a craze in Paris. Frenchmen have come to regard ring contests as New Yorkers look upon the horse show. The glove fights in the French capital are attracting immense crowds, which include many persons well known in political and business circles. Sam McVey, a colored heavyweight from California, who was practically unknown in this country, is the star in Paris. He has been beating all kinds of mixed ale and back number fighters until he wears a heavy crown of laurels. The other night McVey, in the presence of probably 6,000 spectators, tackled an alleged pugilist named Herbert Synnott, of Australia. The "fight" was scheduled to go twenty rounds, but in the fifth McVey scored a clean knockout.

JOHNSON, READY FOR A MATCH.

KELLY MAY FIGHT KETCHELL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Special.—Fight fans are wondering who will be the next man to meet Stanley Ketchell for the middleweight boxing honors. Kelly's draw with Papke complicates the matter. Both Kelly and Papke are desirous of a return match with the champion, but it appears a difficult problem to select the man who is rightfully entitled to the first chance. Many pick the Kewanee lad as the next opponent for Ketchell, on account of his previous combats with him, while others choose Kelly on account of his battle with Papke and his short go with Ketchell.

Kelly may be given the next match with Ketchell, as he seemingly had a slight shade the better of the go last night with Papke, but Referee Jeffries did not want to give a hair-line decision. Kelly beat Papke into a pulp, and, had he possessed a stiffer blow, it is almost certain he would have won on a knockout. But it is evident that he is not the possessor of a "sleep-producing" blow, as he landed on Papke time and again without a return. On account of this showing, it is more than likely he will be given the next match with Ketchell.

JOHNSON IN LONDON

CAMP PICKS AN ALL-AMERICAN.

Steffen, Chicago, Only Westerner in This Football Team.

Waltem Camp, a national factor in football circles, and known to all sportsmen as an authority on the gridiron game, has made a selection of an all-American football team, as follows:

Scarlett, Pennsylvania	End
Fish, Harvard	Tackle
Goebel, Yale	Guard
Nourse, Harvard	Center
Tobin, Dartmouth	Guard
Horr, Syracuse	Tackle
Schildmiller, Dartmouth	End
Steffen, Chicago	Quarterback
Tibbott, Princeton	Halfback
Hollenbach, Pennsylvania	Halfback
Coy, Yale	Fullback

Steffen, the only Western man on the team, has received an offer from the University of Texas, in which he was tendered the position of director of athletics.

DUKE WOULD MEET 133 POUNDER

Kentucky's. Hard - Hitting .Champion Anxious to Fight

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Special.—Johnnie Duke, the lightweight champion of Kentucky, is ready to meet all comers in the 133 pound class. Louis McMillen, 612 Newton street, is managing the pugilistic business of Duke, and says that Johnnie is by no means short of knowing the art. Duke is training now, and McMillen wants to pull off a bout with some of the cracks.

Jeanette and Lewis to Go Ahead.

New York Special.

Joe Jeannette, the colored light-heavy, and Willie Lewis, the middleweight, will begin a European tour under the management of Victor Breyer, January 5. According to the contract Jeannette is to engage in six battles with men of any weight and Lewis is to have ten contests with men under 160 pounds. Guaranties of $10,000 have been given to each man.

"FATHER" JOE GANS.

Battling Nelson believes that Gans is a wonderful piece of fighting machinery, and expresses a desire to fight the old master again. Nelson says:

"I still insist that Joe Gans is the daddy of the bunch, and until I am shown to be wrong I will still have that opinion. Welch, McFarland, Thompson and Murphy can talk until doomsday, but they will have to have an elimination race first. I will fight the best man in the bunch. I can't afford time to fight them one at a time. I would fight Gans again."

PAPKE-KELLY BOUT ONE OF MOST MOST VICIOUS SEEN

Fight Ends in Draw—Jeffries Referee, Jas. Corbett Declined.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—The twenty-five-round draw fight between Billy Papke and Hugo Kelly, last week, was one of the most vicious ever seen in this prize-fighting mecca. The men were at each other all the time, and there was not a minute of loafing. Several times it appeared certain that one or the other would win by a knockout, but their excellent condition told, and they were able to stall off defeat and recuperate.

Kelly tore at Papke like a wildcat in the first round and had the ex-champion middleweight on the ropes and in distress. Papke kept his head, however, and came back strong. Papke put Kelly to the mat for the count of eight in the fourth session, and the latter was in a bad way for a moment. Kelly fought more coolly throughout, while Papke rushed in desperate style. Kelly's blows were the cleaner. Both men made herculean efforts to win by a knockout during the final rounds, and the house was in an uproar at the end when Referee James J. Jeffries called the contest a draw. That was all he could do, as the honors were even, everything considered. The boxers rushed from one clinch into another throughout the fight, which, from a spectator's point of view, was about as satisfactory as any ever seen here. It would have been impossible to have produced more action. James J. Corbett was advertised to act as referee, but he declined to act at the last moment.

Kelly started cleverly and in the first three rounds had a distinct advantage. In the very opening round he outboxed the Thunderbolt, and put him in distress with a hard right to the jaw. He timed his blows better than Papke and fought better throughout the first round.

The second round was a repetition of the first, Kelly using an uppercut to good advantage and jarring the Kewanee fighter with fierce jabs. Papke showed to much better advantage in the third round, but Kelly had a shade on the session, due to his clever boxing.

The Thunderbolt showed his first real boxing of the fight in the fourth round, and dropped Kelly with left and right uppercuts to the jaw. Kelly plainly was in distress from the blows, but used his head to good advantage and covered up well. When his head was cleared up he fought back viciously.

Kelly's deadly jabs were having the desired effect on Papke, and Papke's seconds shouted to him in the fifth round to ease up and allow the other man to do the forcing. Kelly kept pecking away with his left throughout the fifth and sixth sessions, and at the end of the latter round had the Thunderbolt's eyes practically closed. The Thunderbolt's face was cut to ribbons.

Papke became the aggressor again in the seventh round and chased Kelly all over the ring. The latter did some clever footwork, and after receiving a hard right on the jaw did some brilliant defensive fighting. Both men when driven to bay went into clinch after clinch.

In the eight round Papke seemed to solve Kelly's uppercut, which had been causing him so much trouble. He rushed the Chicago boxer around the ring and sent him into the ropes.

In the ninth round the Thunderbolt changed his tactics and started to play for the body. He had Kelly in distress from hard digs in the ribs and over the heart, and the latter held whenever he had a chance.

PACKEY MUST FIGHT GANS FIRST.

The sporting world is crazy to see Bat Nelson and Packey McFarland get together, and Packey is just as anxious to meet the Dane. But the champion has said "not right now." Nelson doesn't believe that McFarland has enough class to even have the honor of stepping into a ring to battle with a champion, although he says that he may give McFarland a chance to meet him after his fight with the old master of the fistic art, Joe Gans. Packey will have to deliver the goods or Gans will "steal the bacon" and Bat might change his mind for a go.

NELSON FEARED GANS IN FIGHT JULY 4—A FRISCO PAPER'S STORY.

A San Francisco paper prints a story that will make Battling Nelson's ears burn before long. It states that Nelson feared to meet Gans on July 4 at Colma, and tried at least three different times to run out on Willus Britt after the cigar-smoking manager had been taken into the fold.

It appears that Nelson had promised Jack Gleason that he would meet Gans in a twenty-round fight, and when Willus Britt heard it he hunted up the Dane and told him that he would be foolish to fight a twenty-round fight with Gans; that the long battles were his best. At that time the Dane had no manager, and he promised Britt the job if he could arrange a long fight for him at Coffroth's club. Britt made good.

The Dane went into camp, and one day he sent Trainer Jack Grace over to town to buy tickets for London. Bat is said to have told Grace that he was sick and didn't feel like taking another beating from Gans. Grace went over to San Francisco, and instead of buying tickets he hunted up Britt and told him. Willis went post haste to his charge and brought a doctor with him, who convinced the Dane that he was O. K. It took all the power in the world to get the Dane to go back to training, so goes the yarn, and to make sure that he wouldn't fade away in the night, Britt slept in the same room and kept a lone eye on his fighter all through the long nights. It took all of Britt's ability at talking to convince the Dane that he had a cinch over Gans; that Gans was old, and that he surely would go down to defeat. It was only after Nelson found that Gans' punches weren't hurting that he recovered his confidence in himself and went after him.

The charge that Nelson forced Gans at any time seems out of the question. He never showed it in any of his fights with the Old Master. When shown the story the other day the Dane pulled one of his battle grins and said: "I look worried to death over a fool yarn like that, don't I? I'll have to reprint that article in my book in the joke department."

WARNING TO YOUNG BOXERS.

The Freeman a Well-Wisher of Youngsters Aspiring for Pugilistic Fame.

Dissipation, the enemy of health and strength, has caused the complete downfall of more pugilists than perhaps any other known evil. In regard to a "careless, don't care" life and the prizefighter, nothing does more to demote him from prominence as those demoralizing, health corrupting, dissipated habits. The fighter, if he desires to keep in good condition for the ring, stunts, must above all things protect himself against the danger of immoral habits, which will, in time to come, cause him to deeply regret the past. He must regard himself as an athlete as well as a fellow with the punch, dodge or step. To be an athlete it is necessary to keep in trim, if not by actual physical training then by his daily walks. To keep in trim is but to take care of one's self. Some fighters think that they can lead a careless life and be a topnotcher. The best of them have tried it and the best have failed to maintain their supremacy—the natural result. We are well acquainted with some promising Indianapolis amateur boxers who are bidding fair to rise in the sporting world. Some of them—for which we, if not themselves, are sorry—are gradually stumbling over the obstacles of King Alcohol. "Booze"—let it alone if you would be a topnotcher. "Booze" and a level head don't go together. Remember that one fighter (if not half a dozen or more others) who was at the top of his class in his day, succumbed to the dreadful alcoholic appetite. This man was Dixon, the one-time world's greatest ringster. It got the best of him and it can get the "drop" on you.

Though we shall long remember the pugilistic career of Dixon and have a right to boast of it, yet we have learned a great lesson from his life, which stands out prominent before us as a warning of a dissipate dlife. Again, boys, "let it alone." The old "kettle" is your enemy, not your friend. If you fail, fail like a man, not as a slave. Ask yourselves this question: Can I afford to do what the best can not do?

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY GOES DOWN IN DEFEAT.

A. B. C. Celebrates Another Victory—Score, A. B. C., 12; A. U., 0.

Monday afternoon, November 30, on a muddy and slippery field, Atlanta University went down in bitter defeat under the colors of the old maroon. The game to Atlanta University was the zenith of her hopes—it was the point up to which she had trained; but to the Baptist boys it had never been considered other than a slight practice to give the public a chance to see some of the material which would represent them on the gridiron next year.

On account of the beating rain, neither team could show up to advantage its best qualities. The game ended after about 33 minutes playing, with the score 12 to 0 in favor of A. B. C.

The game was much delayed by the overwrought enthusiasm of Atlanta University's rooters. They considered a 5-yard gain on the Tiger team an immense and spectacular play. Accordingly, each time her players made a gain the rooters jumped the ropes and took the field. The game was delayed while they rejoiced. However, her highest hope — to score — lacked much of being realized and she went away with the crimson and gray trailing in the dust.

THE LINE-UP.

Atlanta University.		A. B. C.
Usher	Right end	Davis
James	Right tackle	V. Turner
Young	Right guard	Windom
Banks	Center	Jackson
Callen	Left guard	Arnold
Watson	Left tackle	R. Turner
Westmoreland	Left end	Mattison
Mickey	Quarterback	Walker
Cochran	Right half	B. Hubert
J. Jackson	Fullback	Zuber
King, Harrel	Left half	C. Hubert

Touchdowns—B. Hubert, 1; Zuber, 1. Goals—Zuber, 2.

Referee — Franklin. Umpire — Bullock of Harvard.

Time of halves—20 and 13 minutes.

Final score—A. B. C., 12; A. U., 0.

MORDECAI W. JOHNSON.

JOPLIN, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Several Carthageites were in the city last Sunday attending services at the A. M. E. Church...Mrs. Mary Hobbs of Louisiana, Mo., who has been visiting her son, Samuel Hobbs, the headwaiter of the Connor, has returned home...The high school building recently completed for the colored people is one of the finest of its kind in Missouri for Negroes...Connor day is the latest feature among the churches of the city. This day was celebrated last Sunday in Union services and a rally at the Handy Chapel, A. M. E. Church, Rev. Brownlee, pastor. Among the visiting ministers to aid in the rally were Revs. Bonds and Young of Carthage, Green of Galena, Reed of Neosho, and our own Rev. H. H. Curtis of this city. The mayor and several of the best white citizens were among the speakers. This day was celebrated in honor of the late Thomas Connor, who gave $15,000 to build three colored churches in this city, namely, Baptist, M. E. Church, and A. M. E. Church. Rev. Brownlee, the efficient pastor of the Handy Chapel, needs to be commended for the strenuous efforts he put forth to make this day a success...When you want a copy of The Freeman see A. H. Henderson. He will supply you every Saturday and Sunday; 5 cents a copy.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

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Carl Morin, of Muncie, is in the city.

The Woman's Club will meet at the Flanner Guild Monday.

Supt. D. E. Skelton was in Cincinnati last week.

Mrs. Anna Scholcraft will spend Christmas at Des Moines, Ia.

A brilliant audience attended the Bachelors' hop last night.

Henry Logan and wife of this city spetn Sunday in Richmond, Ind.

Mrs. Hazel Hart Hendricks will spend the holidays with her husband at Peoria.

Mrs. Stella Hatch wil lentertain the Frau Frau Club Club during the holidays.

The Ugly Men's Club is arranging to entertain their wives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott will spend a few days next week at Louisville.

Miss Hester Van Arsdel, of St. Louis, is taking treatment at Dr. Ward's sanitarium.

Miss Margaret Thurston, a teacher of Louisville is spending the holidays in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Timberlake are spending Christmas with the latter's parents at Muncie.

Mrs. Mamie Brown Huffman left Wednesday to spend the holidays with her husband at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goines, of Elkhart, will be the guests of Mrs. Sallie Brown during the week.

Mrs. Anderson Kincaid will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Bell, at Louisville.

Miss Herbert Webber, the stenographer of The Freeman, is spending the holidays at Louisville.

Mrs. Wilhemina Morris, of Louisville, will visit her daughter, Mrs. Sumner A. Furniss, during the hoildays.

Mrs. Effie Wilson will be custodian of the ladies' cloak-room at the state house during the coming legislature.

Miss Lucretia Gibson will be the guest of Anthony Courtney at the home of his mother, 913 Camp street.

James Shelton who has been dangerously ill at Dr. Ward's sanitarium is reported to be somewhat improved.

Miss Ruth Pittiford, of Franklin, will be the guest of Miss Maureen Moss in Keystone avenue, during the holidays.

The Woman's Improvement Club will hold its next meeting with Mrs. Clara Bond, Thursday evening, January 7.

The Lotus Club's party at Msaonic hall Monday night promises to be one of the events of the holiday season.

Miss Mattie Bennett, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Tillie Wagner, of Dayton, are the guests of Mrs. Laura Gaines.

William E. Scott, of Chicago, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Scott, in North Senate avenue.

Mrs. Emily Harangue, of Josephine, Miss., is the guest of her sisters, the Misses Mary and Victoria Willson in College avenue.

The Willing Workers will receive their friends at the home of Mrs. William Reed, 1605 Alvord street, next Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Miss Hattie Courtney is spending the holidays in this city with her family. She is accompanied by Miss Pearl Jones, of Scotts, Ky.

W. A. Kersey will entertain the board of directors of the Colored Y. M. C. A. next Thursday in honor of Dr. Booker T. Washington.

Miss Lucy Williams, of Louisville, Ky., has been visiting her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Collins, for two weeks left for Louisville this morning.

Chester Booth and a number of the younger boys will entertain the girls of their set at the home of the former, 1119 N. West street, New Year's night.

Misses Idelle Love, of Muskogee, and Ithigenia Cole, of San Antonio, Tex., came from Oberlin Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Penelope Booth and family.

Miss Lucretia Gibson, a talented reader of Louisville, will give a recital at Simpson Chapel next Monday evening. Miss Gibson has won favorable comment wherever she has appeared.

George L. Knox addressed the Boys' Club at Norwood last Sunday. Mr. Knox was also elected an honorary member. Miss Ada Hains is the promoter of the organization.

Miss Carrie Miller entertained a company at 6 o'clock dinner during the wek in honor of Charles Cooper, of Syracuse, N. Y. The table decorations were elaborate. The menu was in six courses.

Special Christmas services will be held at Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday, Rev. Shaffer will speak from the subject "The Balance Wheel of Human Life" in the morning, at night a song service will be given by the choir.

The Baptist Ministerial Alliance at its meeting Monday arranged for holding seven meetings of the alliance at night at as many different Baptist churches, beginning Monday evening, January 11. Arrangements were completed for the entertainment of the Rev. B. W. D. Isaacs during his visit to the city.

Mrs. Susan West, of Lawrence, Kan., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. N. Curry, 520 W. Michigan street. Two other sisters, Mesdames Martha Collins, of Danville, Ill., and Mellie Tate, of aMrion, also two nieces, Mesdames Minnie Blakemore and Mary Wooten, of Anderson, joined Mrs. Scott in this city Christmas, for a family reunion dinner at the home of Mrs. Curry.

Over 100 children were given a fine Christmas dinner Thursday at the McCoy school building by the teachers and the Parents' Club of the district. Donations of shoes, stockings and clothing had ben provided each needy child, and they were thus enabled to be comfortable and to make a presentable appearance. The menu consisted of turkey, chicken, vegetables of all sorts, cranberries, jellies, fruits, pies, cakes, candy and nuts.

BOYS' BIBLE STUDY CLUB OF THE Y. M. C. A.

There was a Boys' Bible Class organized at the Colored Y. M. C. A. last week. The meeting was opened by the general secretary, Mr. Taylor, who gave the boys a very interesting talk.

The attendance was very good for a gathering of this kind, as this was the first meeting, but we expect to have a larger attendance next Tuesday. All boys are welcome, as it will do them good to come, and do us good to see and meet them.

Class opens 7:30 sharp every Tuesday evening. Come early and avoid the rush.

Officers elected were Albert Booth, president; James Perry, secretary; Edward McWilliams, treasurer, and James Bailey, corresponding secretary.

EMANCIPATION DAY.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the Emancipation Day exercises are making every effort to make the day one to be long remembered. The exercises throughout the day will be held at Bethel A. M. E. Church, and meetings will be held morning, afternoon and evening. In the morning Booker T. Washington, brought here by the School Board, will deliver an address to the colored teachers and their friends. At 2:30 o'clock the Rev. B. W. D. Isaacs, of Nashville, will deliver the Emancipation Day address. At night the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance has arranged an attractive program. A small admission fee will be charged at night. The proceeds will be given to the charity organizations of the city to aid in caring for the poor.

The Mary Campbell Mite Missionary Society and the stewardess board will serve dinner at the church New Year's day and evening.

FREE KINDERGARTEN.

An attractive program has been arranged for the entertainment to be given at Mt. Zion Baptist Church next Tuesday evening by the promoters of the colored free kindergarten to be maintained in the northern part of the city. The location is one of the most inviting for a kindergarten, as the district is thickly populated by colored people, with many children, who have not reached the school age to be looked after. Teachers from the Teachers' Training College will look after the work. Mesdames Lillian Jones Brown and Edna Flemings are looking after the project. Following is the program: Selection, Mandolin Glee Club; solo, Miss Hattie Coleman; piano solo, Mrs. Eugene Cheatham; solo, Walter Hadge; Indian club drill, pupils eighth grade, McCoy School; reading, Mrs. A. A. Taylor; solo, Miss Pearl Reed; violin solo, Jas. Hodges; solo, Katherine Crossen Harper; duet, Mr. and Mrs. George Brabham; solo, Mrs. Peter Dent; solo, Mrs. Maude Beatty.

MANY HOLIDAY EVENTS.

The holidays promise much entertainment, especially for the younger social set among the colored people. The festivities will begin with a party to be given by Mrs. E. C. Booth, 1119 North West street, next Wednesday evening, to introduce two young women, students of Oberlin College, who will be her guests through the holidays. Christmas night the Bachelors will give one of their select assemblies, at Odd Fellows' Hall, for which elaborate preparations are being made. On Monday, December 28, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Ward will give a "coming out" party for their sister, Miss Minerva Ward, to which nearly one hundred young people have ben invited. The same evening the Lotus Club will give a dance at Masonic Hall. On Tuesday evening, December 29, Mrs. Benjamin Thornton will entertain a large number of young people at her home in Bright street for her daughter Adelaide, and the young visitors in the city. Several other parties will round out the holiday week. Among the vistors who will spend the holidays in the city will be Theodore Cable, who will be home from Phillips Exeter, and Walter Price, from Dartmouth College.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

That the "Monster Meeting" is here to stay and hold a very prominent place in the hearts of the men of Indianapolis was demonstrated on the last two Sundays when over 200 men turned out to hear the splendid addresses which were delivered on each Sunday. Next Sunday Bishop John H. Vincent will be the speaker and the largest crowd of the season is expected. The Colored Y. M. C. A. Orchestra will render a special program and Miss Ada Higgins will sing. The program begins promptly at 3 p. m. All men are invited.

Caleb Mills Hall will be taexd to its utmost on the evening of December 31, when Booker T. Washington will deliver a lecture under the auspices of the Colored Y. M. C. A. Admission will be by ticket only, and they can be secured without charge at The Freeman, The Recorder, H. L. Sanders, The Denison Barber Shop and the Colored Y. M. C. A. The Y. M. C. A. Orchestra of 16 pieces will entertain the people with a special program and a corps of 40 ushers will see to the seating of the people.

The winter term of the Y. M. C. A. night school will open January 4. All who contemplate joining should do so now.

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